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# MADISON COURIER

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# Broken promise: Biden pardons son

### Decision raising new questions about his legacy

BY COLLEEN LONG AND **ZEKE MILLER** ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President on his word and issue a categorconvictions was a surprise that tury ago. Or to those who heard wasn't all that surprising.

Joe Biden's decision to go back nessed the president's shared from cancer or voice concerns ical pardon for his son, Hunter, the boys survived a car crash Hunter's sobriety and health just weeks before his sched- that killed Biden's first wife and after years of deep addiction.

uled sentencing on gun and tax a daughter more than a half-centhe president regularly lament Not to those who had wit- the death of his older son, Beau, anguish over his two sons after — largely in private — about

ident — who had pledged to a post on X. He added that while restore a fractured public's trust he could sympathize with Huntin the nation's institutions and er Biden's struggles, "no one is respect for the rule of law — has above the law, not a President raised new questions about his and not a President's son." already teetering legacy.

"This is a bad precedent that been resigned to the prospect of could be abused by later Presidents and will sadly tarnish his

But by choosing to put his reputation," Colorado's Demo-family first, the 82-year-old pres-cratic Gov. Jared Polis wrote in

Biden aides and allies had

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Santa Claus leads a group of children and their parents on the walk from the Madison-Jefferson County Public Library to the Broadway Fountain for Light Up Madison celebration on Friday. At far left are Kathryn Cody of Madison with her daughter, Genevieve Cody, 4.



Aubriella Doyle (front left), a third grader at Lydia Middleton Elementary School, and Lacey Boltz (front right), a third grader at Rykers' Ridge Elementary School, were winners of the city's Christmas card contest. Pictured with them are Santa Claus and Madison Mayor Bob Courtney in back with Courtney's grandson, Hudson, in the front middle.

# Light Up Madison begins holiday festivities

#### **BY BOB DEMAREE**

The festivities of the Christmas season have begun in Madison, kicked off Friday with the switching on of holiday lights at the Broadway Fountain.

"We are so excited to have everybody here. We're so grateful to live in a wonderful community Madison, Indiana," said Mayor Bob Courtney before a crowd that gathered in spite of frigid temperatures.

The event coincided with the beginning of Nights Before Christmas Candlelight Tour of Homes that continues through this coming weekend — Friday from 5-9 p.m. and Saturday from 3-9 p.m.

There are more events to follow in Madison including the Very Merry Madison Christmas Parade on Saturday at 11 a.m. on Main Street, featur-

#### **SANTA CLAUS VISIT SCHEDULE**

#### BY THE COURIER STAFF

There will be multiple opportunities to visit with Santa in Madison and Hanover in the weeks before Christmas. Here's a schedule of upcoming public appearances:

#### **MADISON**

Santa Claus will appear at the Very Merry Madison Christmas Parade beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, followed by the Christmas Celebration at the Broadway Fountain until 2 p.m.

The Santa Claus schedule at Santa's Cottage at the Madison Comfort Station, located at 221 West Main Street is:

Friday, Dec. 6, from 5-8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, from 5-8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, from 2-5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, from 5-8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, from 2-5 p.m.

#### **HANOVER**

Saturday, Dec. 7, from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Hanover Christmas Craft Fair at the Southwestern Elementary School Gymnasium.

There will be three appearances at the Hanover Community Center, 200 Spruce Lane including:

Tuesday, Dec. 10, 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, 6-8 pm. Wednesday, Dec. 18, 11 a.m.-

with the city's Christmas Cele- more through 2 p.m. ing festive floats, giant helium bration at the Broadway Founballoons and more. After the tain to visit Santa Claus, enjoy

parade, festivities continue inflatables, food trucks and

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Santa Claus met with children at Trinity United Methodist Church following Friday's Light Up Madison ceremony. Pictured are Ollie Himes, 5, and Amelia Pasch, 5, getting high fives from Santa Claus.

## Blair new property manager at Clifty Falls State Park

### Fourth to head park since 2018

#### **BY BOB DEMAREE**

Even though Jordan Blair grew up in Michigan, he's been going to Indiana State Parks almost all of his life, spending most of his younger years at Pokagon State Park in Angola.

Now as an adult, he's working for the Indiana Department of Parks including Clifty Falls State



MANAGER JORDAN BLAIR

Natural Resources at Indiana State

Park where he took over as property manager on Sept. 16.

"This is a perfect fit," said Blair. "I'm an outdoorsman at heart, and I have mechanical skills. To be a park manager, you're a little bit of a carpenter, little bit of a plumber, you're the HR (human resources) guy. It ties all different things together and a diverse skill set."

Blair grew up in Coldwater, Michigan, about 20 miles from Pokagon State Park. After graduating from Quincy High School,

he went to Kansas State Univer- manager at Indiana Dunes State with a degree in park management and conservation. During his college summers, Blair was a seasonal security and laborer at Pokagon State Park then in 2020 began working there in maintenance repair.

assistant property manager of Raccoon State Recreation Area in Rockville. In March of this year, Blair became assistant property

sity where he graduated in 2020 Park until accepting the position at Clifty Falls State Park in September.

For Blair, the new post marked a move from northwest Indiana where he's been since graduating college — to southeastern Indiana. He sees that as a good move In mid-2021, he was hired as for his family including wife Karly, their 2-year old son, Scout, and their Australian Shepherd, Aurora.

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Foch Karem Kielee Mahoney Ann Meadows John Pelsor

Alma Taylor Christeen Vanosdol



#### **OBITUARIES**

#### Kielee Jolynn Mahoney

Kielee Jolynn Mahoney, age 15, of Hanover, IN, entered this life on June 3, 2009, in Madison, IN. She was the loving daughter of Shawn Douglas Thomas and Sabrina Lynn Mahoney Clark. She resided most all of her life in Hanover and had attended Southwestern Schools through her freshman year. While at Southwestern she played volleyball and was on the swim team. She currently was a sophomore at New Washington High School in New Washington, IN. She had been employed with Pride Supermarket in Hanover, and the Hanover McDonalds. She loved drawing, writing, listening to music, and riding motorcycles with her grandpa Wesley. She had attended New Hope Baptist Church in Chelsea and participated in their youth group. Kielee also attended St. John Paul II Catholic Church in Sellersburg with her late great grandma Cathy Thomas.

Kielee died on Monday, Nov. 25, 2024, at her residence in Hanover, IN.

Kielee will be missed by her mother, Sabrina Lynn Mahoney Clark of Hanover, IN; her father, Shawn Douglas Thomas of Hanover, IN; her grandpa, Wesley Thomas and his companion, Carla Dicus of Hanover, IN, her siblings, Jonathan Clark, Savannah Clark, Eben Miller, and Jozie Clark; her grandmothers, Christie Cotton and her husband, Bryan of New Albany, IN, Nancy Mahoney and her companion, Mike



Martinez of Madison, IN; her great grandma, Linda Banet and her husband, Daryl of Floyds Knobs, IN, her grandpa, Leo Cornell of Chicago, IL; several aunts, uncles, great aunts, great uncles, cousins, and other relative. She was preceded in death by great grandparents, Jim and Cathy Thomas, Brenda Gray, and Bobby Koehler.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, Dec. 2, 2024, at 1 p.m., by Channock Banet at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive Madison, IN. Interment will follow at a later date in the St. John Paul II Catholic Church Cemetery in Sellersburg,

Friends could visit Sunday, Dec. 1, 2024, from 4 — 7 p.m., and Monday, Dec. 2, 2024, from 11 a.m. until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre.

Memorial contributions can be made to Suicide Prevention. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

#### John Andrew Pelsor

John Andrew Pelsor was born on Dec. 13, 1952, to Russell and Maxine (Willy) Pelsor, in Madison IN. He died Nov.15, 2024, in Madison, IN, at his home. Interestingly, he lived (and died) on the same family farm where he had grown up—on the same family land that has been in the Pelsor family for over 125 years.

John married Sharon Shinkle on Sept. 28, 1973. They were blessed with 3 children. He worked for the State of Indiana for over 40 years, the majority of that time as a corrections officer. He also served in the Army National Guard for 21 years. He was part of the Governor's Twenty, a group of the top 20 National Guard shooters in the state. He participated (and loved) competing in rifle marksmanship matches at various bases. He retired as a staff sergeant in 1995.

He leaves behind his wife of 51 years, Sharon, as well as his three children, Heather Hearne, Derrick (Sara) Pelsor, and Shea (Ricky) Spindler, six grandchildren (Camryn, Quenton, Jaxon, Leighton, Leyla, and Everly), a brother, Robert (Judy) Pelsor, a sister, Kathleen (Chris) Andres, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Joseph Pelsor.



He attended Madison Assembly of God Church where he proudly served on the security team, with Royal Rangers, and as an usher. His celebration of life will be held at Madison Assembly of God on what would have been his 72nd birthday, Dec. 13, 2024, at 6:30pm.

In the end, we all become stories. John Pelsor's story is worth telling. It's an uncommon story these days, because it's one of quiet fortitude, stick-toit-tiveness, and honor. John wasn't flashy, he didn't wow you with his way with words, his fancy toys, or his manner of dress. He was a simple farm kid, and he didn't need to be noticed. He showed up, and how often even his simple presence was a balm to angry wounds. He did the right thing simply because it was the right thing. His faith impacted the way he chose to live his life. He endured, where others would have given up. And he will be missed dearly.

### Hanover mobile home fire contained to two bedrooms

BY THE COURIER STAFF

was contained by local firefighters to two rear bedrooms Sunday night.

Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched at approximately 9:20 p.m. Upon arrival, firefighters found heavy smoke and a report of flames windows of the structure from Hanover Police who were already on the scene.

"With this structure these types of situations fire. traditionally result in a total loss of the structure. However, fast response and quick actions by the firefighters on scene resulted in the units being able to contain the fire to the rear two bedrooms of the home," said Hanover firefighter Cory Thom-

Firefighters learned that no human occupants were inside the structure at time of their arrival, and immediately went to work mitigating the fire.

The homeowner had advised firefighters that a cat was still inside the structure at the time of the fire. Firefighters were able to locate an unconscious feline and responders initiated Department.

**JEFFERSON COUNTY** 

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE** 

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**LODGINGS** 

November 28, 2024

Michael Stewart Malone,

48, Madison, on a Jefferson

County felony arrest warrant

and a Jefferson County body

November 29, 2024

attachment warrant. No

Ronald G. Marcum,

Intoxication Alcohol/Drugs,

a Class B misdemeanor. No

Daniel Orlando Villanueva

50, Madison, for Public

Escobar, 30, Lexington,

Indiana, on a Jefferson

County bench warrant

and for False Identity

Statement, a Class A

misdemeanor. Bond a

combined \$10,500 cash.

Samantha Webster,

34, Guyton, Georgia, for

Possession of Cocaine or

Narcotic Drug, Dealing

in Methamphetamine

Methamphetamine, all Level 5 felonies; Possession

of Methamphetamine, Possession of a Syringe

and Possession of

December 2, 2024

(battery and intimidation)

bond.

life-saving measures, A fire involving a and then handed care mobile home at 191 off to Norton King's Westlawn Drive in Daughters' Health EMS Hanover Mobile Village but efforts to revive the pet were unsuccessful.

After the fire was extinguished an investigation found that the homeowner was using space heaters to warm the home. The investigation also revealed that the space heaters were plugged into power visible through the rear strips and other multiplug adapters which were insufficient to carry the heavy electrical load required to run the space heaters resultbeing a mobile home, ing in the cause of the

> Thomas reminded homeowners the need to be careful when using space heaters. "It is best that the heater be plugged directly into the outlet of the wall along with spreading them across separate circuits. We understand for a lot of folks it's a tough time of the year to keep their house warm. However we also encourage that fire safety be in the forefront of their minds," he

Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Department was assisted by Kent Volunteer Fire Department, along with Norton's King's Daughters EMS, Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, Jefferson Counextract the animal from ty Central Dispatch, the structure. First and the Hanover Police

#### **DEATH NOTICES**

**Timothy Michael** "Timmy" Craig, 65,

of Markland, IN, died Thursday, Nov. 28, 2024, at his residence. Timmy's wishes were to be cremated and no services are being held at this time. Arrangements are by Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, IN, www.haskellandmorrison.com.

Jeremy Alan Fieler, **41,** of Sidney, IN, died Monday, Nov. 25, 2024, at his residence.

Arrangements will be announced by Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, IN, www.haskellandmorrison.com.

Foch L. Karem, 80, of Madison, IN, died Friday, Nov. 29, 2024, in Hanover, IN. Cremation was chosen with no

public service to be held. Arrangements by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover, www.morgan-nav.com.

Alma J. Taylor, 66, of Trimble County, KY died Thursday, Nov. 28, 2024, at Richwood Nursing and Rehab Center in La Grange, KY. Arrangements will be announced by the Ransdell Funera Home in Bedford, KY, www. ransdellfuneral.com.

**Christeen Lanham** Vanosdol, 95, of Madison, IN, died Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2024, at her home. Arrangements will be announced by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover, IN, www.morgan-nav.

### Violet Fontaine Gayle Fewell

Violet Fontaine Gayle Fewell, age 92, of Lancaster, IN, entered this life on Oct. 16, 1932, in Westport, KY. She was the daughter of the late June and Fannie Dee Taylor Gayle. Violet died on Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2024, at 1:55 p.m. at the Norton King's Daughters' Hospital in Madison, IN.

Violet will be missed by her sister in law, Dolores E. Jackson Gayle of Madison, IN; several nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, great great nieces, great great nephews, and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her father, June Gayle; her mother, Fannie "Muddie" D. Taylor Gayle; her beloved husband of 41 years, Richard E. "Dick" Fewell, died June 14, 1991; her brother, Warren Mitchell "Short" Gayle; her half sister, Pauline Gayle Beard; her half brother, Goldie Taylor "Tripp" Barrickman; her brother,

June L. "Jake" Gayle; her brother, Thomas "Tom" Gayle; her sister, Jennie Elizabeth "Liz" Gayle Hammers, and her brother, Raymond Dee Gayle.

Funeral services will be conducted on Sunday, Dec. 8, 2024, at 2 p.m., by Rev. Skip Napier at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Interment will follow in the Dupont Cemetery in Dupont, IN.

Friends may visit Sunday, Dec. 8, 2024, from 12 p.m., until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lancaster Baptist Church. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay **Funeral Centres of** Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

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#### **WEATHER** Sunrise: 7:41 a.m.

Sunset: 5:21 p.m.

Temperature: High 32, Low 15, Mean 23.5, Deficit 15.6

Precipitation since last published: .53 **Precipitation, November 2024:** 5.39 **Precipitation, December 2024:** 0 **Precipitation, 2024:** 40.14

Barometer: 30.25, Rising River Level at Clifty Creek: 423.50, Falling Forecast: Wednesday: Mostly cloudy High 45/Low 18;

Thursday: Sunny High 25/Low 14; Friday: Sunny High 33/Low

#### **LOTTERY**

#### **INDIANA**

Hoosier Lotto: 7-14-27-39-43-46 (11/30). Next Estimated Jackpot: \$30.6 million. Next Drawing (12/2). Cash Five: 1-13-20-29-37 (12/1) Cash 4 Life: 29-36-46-56-59 CB: 3 (12/1)

#### **KENTUCKY**

Cash Ball: 13-14-26-33 CB 11

**Lucky For Life:** 1-7-25-33-46 LB: 7 (12/1)

#### **POWERBALL**

4-24-29-39-63 PB: 25, PP 4 (11/30). Next Estimated Jackpot: \$224 million. Next Drawing (12/2) POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY: 9-21-37-43-61 PB: 23 (11/30). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to \$10 million. Next Drawing (12/2)

#### **MEGAMILLIONS**

**3-29-34-37-38 MB:** 17, MP 2 (11/29). Next Jackpot: \$541 million. Next Drawing (12/3)

**NEWS OF RECORD** and Unlawful Possession of Use of a Legend

Drug, all Level 6 felonies: Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor; and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. No bond.

#### **REAL ESTATE** TRANSFERS

#### **JEFFERSON COUNTY**

November 27, 2024

Tim Morison and Diana Morrison to Jose Alfredo Aguilar Zavala, two parcels totaling approximately 6 acres at 4474 South County Road 850 West, Lexington (\$150,000).

Diane M. Wright to Kelly Sue Seel and James Stephan Seel, 1850 Gullion Drive, Madison.

Andrew L. Crabtree to Albertson Investment Group LLC, 1018 Park Avenue, Madison.

McKinley L. Pennington and Rhonda G. Pennington to Pennington Family Revocable Living Trust, 6 parcels totaling approximately 165 acres at 6281 East State Road 62, Canaan and 6600, 6600+ and 6708 East Conard Lane, Canaan.

#### BIRTHDAYS

Editor's Note: Got a birthday or anniversary coming up? Send name, date and number of years (optional) to zelda@ madisoncourier.com or call 812-265-3641. Please leave your name and phone number in case we have followup questions.

#### **DECEMBER 3**

Sara Denhart Laura Moseley

**DECEMBER 4** 

Beth Karst Taylor

Karen Rose Van Wye

#### **DECEMBER 5**

Sandy Schwartz Freeman Ashley Hafer

#### **DECEMBER 6** Darrell Henderson Dan McCauley

**DECEMBER 7** 

#### Abby Waltz Suiter **DECEMBER 9**

Denise Buxton

#### **DECEMBER 10**

Kathy Jacobs Brierly

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#### Oscar Clinton 'Clint' Bear

Oscar Clinton
"Clint" Bear, age 74, of
Madison, IN, and the
son of Oscar Charles
"OB" and Norma
Louise (Pulliam) Bear,
was born Dec. 22, 1949,
in Madison, IN. He was
the grandson of Oscar
C. and Mary A Bear
and Herman and Zoe
Pulliam.

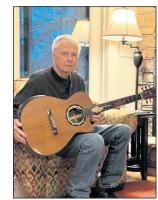
He was united in matrimony to the former Nancy Perry on June 17, 1972, at the First Christian Church in Madison. This union, of 52 years, was blessed with two daughters, Christi and Sarah.

Clint graduated in 1967 from Madison Consolidated High School and in 1972, from Purdue University, with a degree in Landscape Architecture. He owned and operated Bear's Landscaping and also built many houses, including two for his family. He was a Rural Mail Carrier for many years. Clint also worked for DNV Healthcare as a Physical Environment Surveyor traveling to a number of hospitals across the country. He began building guitars and started OC Bear Guitars 22 years ago. He was in the process of building his 145th guitar before his passing. He had built beautiful guitars for musicians around the country and in Europe. He donated many guitars for local festivals and even for the Maui Fire Disaster Relief Fund, raising over \$13,000. He was a co-founder of Indiana Fingerstyle Competition and awarded an O.C. Bear guitar to the winner for several years. In 2016, he received an Indiana Artisan Designation from the Indiana Arts Commission. He was honored this year by the Madison Area Arts Alliance with the 2024 Artist of the Year.

He was a member of Christ Episcopal Church where he served as Junior and Senior Warden. He also was a member of the Elks Lodge and EBOR.

He had been a member of Habitat for Humanity in years past and enjoyed contributing his building/construction skills to build the houses.

When he wasn't working on guitar building, he loved to cook and could make a fantastic gourmet sandwich that was enjoyed by any that were fortunate enough to be around for the plating. He also loved trips to the beach where he fished and basked in the sun. When it was time to relax, he would grab



his current book to enjoy. He was a voracious reader!Clint Bear passed away Nov. 26, 2024, at his residence in Madison, surrounded by his loving family.

His life will be cherished by his wife, Nancy; his children: Christi Burnett and her husband. Eric, of Madison and Sarah Gordon and her husband, Vince, of Madison; his mother, Louise Bear of Madison; his brothers: John Bear of Madison, Chuck Bear and his wife, Sherry of Dripping Springs, Texas, Ben Bear of Madison, and Dan Bear and his wife, Hilary of Madison; his grandchildren: Zachary Burnett, Brooke Burnett, Zane Gordon, and Maya Gordon. He was fondly known to them as "Da". Also several nieces, nephews, and cousins. His brothers-in-law Stanley Perry and wife Marlene of Edgewater, FL, J.D. Perry and his wife Donna of Fishers, IN, his sisters-in-law Kathy Auxier and her husband Darrell and Ann Motenko and her husband Greg all of Madison.

He was preceded in death by his father, Oscar Charles "OB" Bear, his grandparents and his father and mother in law, Walter Douglas and Mary Carroll Perry.

Reverend Carl Buffington will conduct memorial services at 2 p.m., Saturday Dec. 7, 2024, at Lytle Welty Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Vail Chapel, on Madison's hilltop. Friends and family may call at the Lytle Welty Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Vail Chapel from 4 to 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 6, 2024, and from 1 p.m., until the time of the service on Saturday. According to Clint's wishes, his body will be cremated, and his ashes will be sprinkled at Springdale Cemetery.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to the Community Foundation of Madison and Jefferson County in memory of Clint. Contributions may be made at the Lytle Welty Funeral Home or online at www.lytlewelty.com.

#### Robert Pixley 'Bob' Barnes

Robert Pixley

"Bob" Barnes, age

77, of Charlestown.

IN, entered this life on May 27, 1947, in Fayetteville, TN. He was the loving son of the late Bert and Nannie Ruth Corbin Barnes. He was a graduate of Fayetteville Central High School, and obtained his associate's degree from Columbia State University. He enlisted in the United States Air Force on June 27, 1966, in Nashville, TN. He rose to the rate of sergeant and served during the Vietnam War in the 55th WEA Recon Squadron. He was honorably discharged on July 24, 1970, at the McClelland Air Force Base in Sacramento, CA. He married Beverly Ann Monroe on Jan. 6, 1986, in Madison. He worked for the Jefferson County Proving Ground as a safety specialist, and then retired from the Census Bureau as a statistical analysis supervisor. He was a member of the American Legion Post #204 and a lifetime member of the VFW in Madison, IN. He was of the Baptist faith. Bob was an avid golfer and enjoyed his time golfing with a group of JPG retirees. He also loved watching his grandchildren play sports and made sure to never miss a game. He was an avid Tennessee Volunteers fan, loved playing golf and caring for his lawn. Robert died on Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2024, at 8:36 a.m. at the Hillcrest Village in Jeffersonville, IN.

Robert will be missed by his loving wife of 38 years, Beverly Ann "Bev" Monroe Barnes of Charlestown, IN; his children, Allison Barnes Crain and her husband, Jonathan of Paulsbo, Wash., Kristina Lock Williams of Henryville, IN, Kyle Lock of Dupont, IN; his grandchildren, Evan, Karis, Kaden, Mazz, Kanon, Adrielle, and Adleigh; his great-grandchild, Talian;



his sisters, Linda Reavis of Fayetteville, TN, Ruthie White and her husband, George of AL, Suzanne Ivey and her husband, Mike of TN; his brothers, Tommy Barnes and his wife, Debbie of Fayetteville, TN, Julius Barnes and his wife, Mary Sue of Fayetteville, TN; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bert Barnes and Nannie Ruth Corbin Barnes, and his son, Brian

Barnes.
Memorial services
will be conducted on
Thursday, Dec. 5, 2024,
at 1 p.m., by Pastor
Mike Huff at the Indiana
Veterans Memorial
Cemetery Chapel, 1415
North Gate Road in
Madison, IN. Interment
will follow in the Indiana
Veterans Memorial
Cemetery, 1415 North
Gate Road in Madison,
IN.

Friends may visit Thursday, Dec. 5, 2024, from 11 a.m. — 1 p.m., at the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery Chapel, 1415 North Gate Road in Madison, IN.

A final salute with military honors will be provided by the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warriors or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

#### Gail Jones

Gail Jones, age 83, of Scottsburg, IN, formerly of Madison, entered this life on May 10, 1941, in Dizney, KY. She was the loving daughter of the late Woodrow and Martha Jane Chambers Jones. She resided her early life in Harlan County, KY, and the family moved to Lexington, IN, when she was 13 years old. She graduated in 1959. from Lexington High School in Lexington, IN. She was married to Ben Espinoza, III for 13 years and this union was blessed with sons, Ben, IV and Steve. While living in Florida she worked for Beal's Department Store as a manager. On June 25, 1994, she was united in marriage to Carl Wayne Jones at the Kent Christian Church in Kent, IN. They had enjoyed 30 happy years of marriage together. She retired from Grote Industries in Madison, from production work of 14 years. She was baptized and a member of the New Hope Baptist Church in Chelsea, IN. She enjoyed sewing, crafting, genealogy, and singing with her husband. She had resided in Scottsburg the past four years. Gail passed away suddenly on Thursday, Nov. 28, 2024, at her home in Scottsburg, IN.

Gail will be missed by her loving husband of 30 years, Carl Wayne Jones of Scottsburg, IN; her sons, Ben Espinoza IV of Northern, CA, Steve Espinoza and his wife, Michelle of Lakeport, CA; her step daughter, Kelley Watkins and her husband, Duane of Madison, IN; her grandchildren, Amanda. Samantha, Candace, and Sunny; her step grandchildren, Laken,



Kenna, and Kyle; several great grandchildren; her sisters, Betty
Jett of Madison, IN,
Gwen Reichenbach of Jeffersonville, IN; her brothers, Tommy
Jones & his wife: Della of Corydon, IN, Terry
Kenneth Jones of
Melbourne, FL; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her father, Woodrow Jones; her mother, Martha Jane Chambers Jones; her brother, Gregory Warren Jones; her brothers in law, Ronald Reichenbach, and David Jett; her sister in law, Maureen Jones, and her nephew, Ryan Christian Jett.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2024, at 2 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN.

Friends may visit
Wednesday, Dec. 4,
2024, from 12 — 2 p.m.,
at the Morgan & Nay
Funeral Centre, 325
Demaree Drive in
Madison, IN.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Arthritis Foundation. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

#### Ann Sering Jackson Meadows

Ann Sering Jackson Meadows, passed away on Monday, Nov. 25, of 2024. She was born on Dec. 18, 1955, in Madison, IN, to her parents, Coburn Sering Jackson and Georganna Gray Jackson of Madison, IN. Ann graduated from Madison High School in 1974, and attended college in Miami, FL.

In 1975, Ann met her future husband, William Meadows and they were married on Oct. 22, 1977. Ann continued her education and became a Registered Nurse in 1981, and began working at Saint Vincent hospital in Brazil, IN. Bill and Ann had two children, Ben in March of 1981, and Bethany in Dec. of 1984.

Ann is survived by her mother, Georganna Jackson of Madison, IN; her children, Ben and Bethany; her daughter-in-law Katelyn Meadows of



North Vernon, IN; her granddaughter, Kenley Ann Meadows, also of North Vernon, IN; and her son-in-law Joseph Raimondi of Warwick, RI.

A private viewing was held at Jessen funeral home in Whiteland followed by cremation. Ann's ashes will be buried with her mother in Madison, IN. Ann's passion was animal rescue, saving several cats and dogs in her lifetime.

Donations to animal rescue groups are requested in lieu of flowers.

#### Joe Dee Davis

Joe Dee Davis, age 66, of Nashville, IN, formerly of Madison, entered this life on May 20, 1958, in Salem, IN. He was the loving son of the late Joe Dyle and Delores Imogene Melton Davis. He was a 1976 graduate of Madison Consolidated High School. He married Sheila Davis and this union was blessed with a son, Chris. He worked for many years as a truck driver, working for M&M Trucking, Riverton, and Western. He was of the Christian faith and attended Mt. Byrd Christian Church. He enjoyed being a drummer for Duck Youngblood's band "Hoosier Beats". Joe died on Sunday, Nov. 24, 2024, at 10:31 a.m. at the Brown County Health & Living Community in Nashville, IN

Joe will be missed by his son, Chris Davis and his wife, Ana of Lexington, IN; his grandchildren, Jude and Knox; his sister, Cathy Ellis and her husband, Steven of Bedford, KY; his nephew, Zachary Ellis and his wife, Keri; niece, Alyse Pivacek and her husband, James; his ex-wife, Sheila Davis



of Madison, IN; and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joe Dyle and Delores Imogene Melton Davis.

Memorial services were conducted Saturday, Nov. 30, 2024, at 5 p.m., by Bro. Aaron Snelling at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison, IN.

Friends could visit
Saturday from 4 —
5 p.m., at the Morgan
& Nay Funeral Centre,
325 Demaree Drive in
Madison, IN.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mt. Byrd Christian Church. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

### Lena 'Ruth' Neff Cook Barker

Lena "Ruth" Neff Cook Barker, age 96, of Bloomington, IN, passed away on Nov. 27, 2024, in Bloomington, IN. Ruth entered this life on Feb. 9, 1928, in Perry County, KY, the loving daughter of Cash Spencer and Martha

Jane Witt Spencer.
Funeral services
will be conducted on
Saturday, Dec. 7, 2024,
at 1 p.m., by Pastor
Luke Richards at the
Morgan & Nay Funeral
Centre, 325 Demaree
Drive Madison, IN.
Interment will be
private in the Pisgah
Cemetery in Deputy,
IN.

Friends may visit Saturday, Dec. 7, 2024, from 11 a.m. until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN.

Memorial contributions may be made to Children's Hospital Foundation, Fenley Office Park B, 4965 U.S. Highway 42, Suite 1000, Louisville, KY, 40222. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay **Funeral Centres of** Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.





#### **BEETLE BAILEY**





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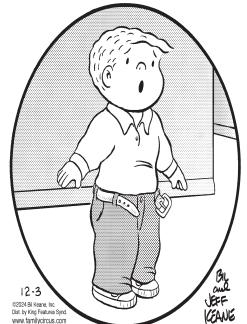






#### **FAMILY CIRCUS**

#### THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"My buckle got unbucked."

#### **DENNIS THE MENACE** By Bil Keane



"WELL, IF SHE'S NOT CHEAP, WHY IS GHE SLICIN' THE CAKE SO THIN?"

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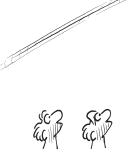






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#### **CRABGRASS**



















#### **BARNEY GOOGLE AND SNUFFY SMITH**





### **TODAY IN HISTORY**

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 3, the 338th day of 2024. There are 28 days left in the year.

**Today in history:** 

On Dec. 3, 1984, a cloud of methyl isocyanate gas escaped from a pesticide plant operated by a Union Carbide subsidiary in Bhopal, India, causing an estimated 15,000 to 20,000 deaths and more than 500,000 injuries.

Also on this date: In 1947, the Tennessee Williams play "A Streetcar Named Desire" opened on

In 1967, a surgical team in Cape Town, South Africa, led by Dr. Christiaan Barnard performed the first human

Broadway.

heart transplant on Louis Washkansky, who lived 18 days with the donated organ from Denise Darvall, a 25-year-old bank clerk who had died in a traffic accident.

**In 1979,** 11 people were killed in a crush of fans at Cincinnati's Riverfront Coliseum, where the British rock group The Who was performing.

In 1989, U.S. President George H.W. Bush and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev concluded two days of positive bilateral discussions in Malta in a symbolic end to the Cold War.

In 2015, Defense Secretary Ash Carter ordered the armed services to open all military jobs to women, removing the final barriers that had kept women from serving in combat.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Jaye P. Morgan is 93. Rock singer Ozzy Osbourne is 76. Rock singer Mickey Thomas is 75. Actor Daryl Hannah is 64. Actor Julianne Moore is 64. Olympic figure skating gold medalist Katarina Witt is 59. Actor Brendan Fraser is 56. Singer Montell Jordan is 56. Actor Holly Marie Combs is 51. Actor/comedian Tiffany Haddish is 45. Actor Anna Chlumsky is 44. Actor Amanda Seyfried is 39. Rapper Lil Baby is 30. Actor Jake T. Austin is 30.

### **PICKLES**

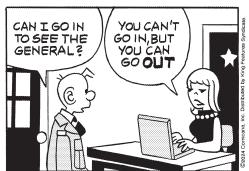








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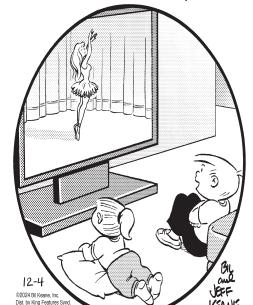




#### **FAMILY CIRCUS**

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

#### By Bil Keane



"Ballet dancers are always trying to look taller."

#### **DENNIS THE MENACE**

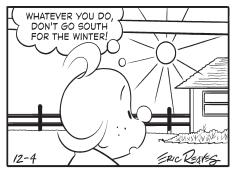


"WELL, IF I HAD FAKE "BE PATIENT, DENNIS ... TEETH...I WOULD HAVE THEY'LL PROB'LY GROW GOLD FANGS." IN SOON ENOUGH."



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#### **CRABGRASS**













#### **GARFIELD**







### **TODAY IN HISTORY**

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 4, the 339th day of 2024. There are 27 days left in the

On Dec. 4, 1991, after

**Today in history:** 

being abducted and held for nearly seven years as a hostage by Hezbollah militants in Lebanon, Associated Press correspondent Terry Anderson was released from captivity.

#### Also on this date:

In 1783, Gen. George Washington bade farewell to his Continental Army officers at Fraunces Tavern in New York.

In 1956, Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins, dubbed the "Million Dollar Quartet," gathered for the first and only time for a jam session at Sun Records in Memphis.

In 1964, police arrested some 800 students at the University of California, Berkeley, one day after the students stormed the

administration building and staged a massive sit-in.

**In 1965,** the United States launched Gemini 7 with Air Force Lt. Col. Frank Borman and Navy Cmdr. James A. Lovell aboard on a two-week mission. (While Gemini 7 was in orbit, its sister ship, Gemini 6A, was launched on Dec. 15 on a one-day mission; the two spacecraft were able to rendezvous within a foot of each other.)

In 1969, Fred Hampton and Mark Clark of the Black Panther Party were shot and killed during a raid by Chicago police.

**In 1997,** the NBA suspended Golden State Warriors guard Latrell Sprewell for one year after Sprewell attacked Warriors coach P.J. Carlesimo three days earlier.

In 2016, a North Carolina man armed with an assault rifle fired several shots inside Comet Ping Pong, a Washington, D.C., pizzeria, as he attempted to investigate

an online conspiracy theory that prominent Democrats were harboring child sex slaves at the restaurant; no one was hurt, and the man surrendered to police. (He was later sentenced to four

years in prison.) In 2018, long lines of people wound through the Capitol Rotunda to view the casket of former President George H.W. Bush.

Today's Birthdays: Game show host Wink Martindale is 91. Actor-producer Max Baer Jr. is 87. Actor Gemma Jones is 82. Actor Jeff Bridges is 75. Actor Patricia Wettig is 73. Jazz singer Cassandra Wilson is 69. Basketball Hall of Famer Bernard King is 68. Baseball Hall of Famer Lee Smith is 67. Olympic pole vault gold medalist Sergey Bubka is 61. Actor Marisa Tomei is 60. Actor-comedian Fred Armisen is 58. Rapper Jay-Z is 55. Actor-model Tyra Banks is 51. Football Hall of Famer Joe Thomas is 40. Musician Jelly Roll is 40.

#### **BARNEY GOOGLE AND SNUFFY SMITH**







#### **PICKLES**







### Wood says housing a 'multi-faceted problem' in meeting with HHRC

BY BOB DEMAREE

An effort to better understand how to address instances of housing discrimination in Jefferson County brought Ohio Valley Opportunities Executive Director Brad Wood to last week's meeting of the Jefferson County Health and Human Relations Commission (HHRC) that is reviewing the county's Fair Housing Ordinance.

Studies have indicated that Jefferson County has a housing shortage, but Wood stated that the housing issues aren't necessarily resolved with housing availability.

"I think we're kind of stuck thinking if we had more housing units available that the problem will go away but it is a multi-faceted problem that requires a multi-faceted solution," said Wood. "Housing availability is a part it but if you can't afford the house then

groceries, quality jobs, health issues, and we could keep going" on the challenges to residents' finances. "If we're focused on the multi-faceted solution, housing availability is just one piece of that."

Wood, who became the OVO executive director last summer, had previously served as the director of operations for River Valley Resources. OVO, formed on Oct. 11, 1965 in Madison, is a community action organization that develops programs to meet the needs of older adults, individuals with disabilities and families with children in Jefferson, Jennings, and Scott counties.

Last year, OVO served 13,700 people with four main programs — Head Start, Energy Assistance, Weatherization and Housing Choice Voucher.

Housing Choice Voucher is a rental assistance what's the point of it being program funded by the ination with verbiage that

built — inflation, cost of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that allows income-qualified families, including working adults, older adults and individuals with disabilities, to afford safe and decent housing in the community of their choice.

> Wood said with the Housing Choice Voucher program, OVO's clients are the tenant and the landlord. "Through that, we do a lot of advocacy work and a lot of education with both the tenant and the landlord," he said. Currently, there are 125 households on the Housing Choice Voucher program in Jefferson County, and 44 landlords in the program.

> Commissioner David Bramer, a member of the HHRC, said the county's Fair Housing Ordinance provides guidance to those who feel they have experienced housing discrim-

states: "Several avenues of commission member Day and Indigenous Peoof relief are available for aggrieved persons. Remedies are available through actions commenced through the State Civil Rights Commission, the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development and through private actions."

Wood said the Clearinghouse, 100 East Second St., Madison, has a free Indiana Legal Help Kiosk available that provides resources for county residents with legal issues that is available during office hours Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

In other business:

HHRC Chair Jane Stormer said she has created a list of wedding officiates who are affirming of LGBTQ people which the commission endorsed developing means to share that information with county residents.

The project was the idea to dually list Columbus county.

Cami Keltch who had a co-worker in Bartholomew County who became ordained to perform her daughter's LGBTQ wedding because no one could be found to officiate the ceremony. "There probably are people, but she didn't have any resources or how to find that," said Keltch, who shared the idea with Stormer who took it upon herself compile a list for Jefferson County.

Stormer said the list so far has seven people in Jefferson County qualified to officiate weddings and will do so for LGBTQ persons. "There are several that are connected to churches. There are others who are general officates who are not affiliated with a denomination or a church," she

said. • Stormer, who last week suggested to Hanover Town Council

ples Day on the same date (second Monday in October) on the town's holiday calendar, made the same suggestion to the HHRC to recommend to the Jefferson County Commission-

Stormer expressed

a concern about the holiday being solely labeled as Columbus Day because of research she has done on Christopher Columbus for whom the holiday is named. He was "really terrible to the people who came to settle with him ... It made me think even harder about the holiday and wondering if it's some-

thing that we should temper with honoring the people that persevered from what he brought upon them." No action was taken

while Bramer researches whether the two holiday names might already be dually recognized by the

### Metal on garage brings concern but passes HDBR on tie vote

BY BOB DEMAREE

A 3-3 vote for a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) to replace a dilapidated garage at 1300 West Second Street resulted in automatic approval of that application at Monday's meeting of the Madison Historic District Board of Review

The application by Shane Calkin, owner of the property, initially came before the HDBR at its October meeting but was tabled when the board was not satisfied that the design submitted provided enough information to make a decision as well as concerns that the plans were for a pole barn which board member Happy Smith noted does not meet HDBR guidelines, and is not compatible with the historic district.

Since that meeting, Calkin made changes in the structure with wood framing inside, while the exterior would still be metal with board and batten.

Board member Ied Skillman objected to the use of metal. "I do not think we should approve a metal-sided building. I think he could do a better job with other materials" of which board members Sandy Palmer and Smith were in

Board member Bill Jewell disputed that opinion and noted Calkin's proposal seems to meet historic district require-

"When I look at your application, it looks to me it does meet the requirements," Jewell told Calkin. Mike Pittman. the board chair, echoed those remarks, noting that Calkin had "made good modifications to your original plan, and I think the board and batten will be a nice look."

Calkin said his reason for wanting metal is because it "holds up longer, it lasts longer, less likely to rot or to rust because the power coating that's on it. I want something that will last a lot longer and be a lot more stable and sturdy."

Jewell, Pittman and Ken McWilliams voted in support of the COA that permits the current dilapidated garage to be demolished and replaced with the new garage on the same footprint with board and batten siding. Smith, Palmer and Skillman voted no. A possible tie-breaking vote was not possible since the board now has just six of its seven positions filled following the resignation of Carol Ann Rogers.

With the tie vote, Pittman told Calkin, "It's got to be four to be no" approval. "You get your Certificate of Appropriate-

the garage is speculated to have been built in the 1920s or more recently, although that's not for certain. With the possibility the garage could be 100 years old, Historic Preservationalist Brenna Haley said, "It could be historic on its own right, but at this point I don't think there's any way to save it."

Calkin said the garage is off its foundation and leaning. "We need to do something sooner or later or it's going to fall,"

There was one other application from Ryan Leach, a contractor representing Tricia Bird, owner of 708 West Third Street, for removing and replacing a deck, extending it 6 feet and removing a chain link fence and replacing it with a black corrugated metal privacy fence. The COA was approved by a 5-1 vote with Skillman voting no.

Skillman said he was fine with extending and rebuilding the porch. "That looks great. You're upgrading the house. What gets me is the privacy fence." He said he doesn't understand the purpose of the fence, and even more significantly the metal that will be a part of the fence. "This is essentially the pole barn equivalent of a fence, and I can't warm up to that," Skillman said.

Smith said according to the HDBR guidelines that type of fence would not be appropriate "but there is provision for something that is out of the visibility of the public right of way, and it is really hard to see into this back yard because the houses are so close. So, my reading of it is that this would be OK because (the fence) basically will not be visible from the front street or the back alley."

At the end of the meeting Jewell voiced his concerns over the "proliferation of HVAC equipment, telephone lines, cable on the outside of our buildings. You see a really nice looking house and it's very historic, and you have four different lines going up" for the air conditioning ... "I feel it's really compromising the looks of the outside of the historic buildings."

Building Inspector Bryan Shaw said he has spoken to Mayor Bob Courtney about requiring that those lines be hid-

"I think we're going to run into this with technology, and everything that comes up ...," said Shaw. "That's going to be the way of the future, and what all the HVAC guys are going to do ... I've seen the same thing, and it's a free-for-

He expressed the need to develop a The house, located at 1300 West Sec- resolution for City Council's considerond Street is a circa 1870 structure that ation to address such lines on historic is contributing to the historic district but structures in downtown Madison.

### Community Foundation's 2025 scholarship applications now open

BY THE COURIER STAFF

The Community Foundation of Madison and Jefferson County (CFMJC) scholarship applications for the Class of 2025 are now open. The foundation is also currently accepting applications for the Carolyn Bruce Spicer & Gene E. Spicer Nursing Scholarship.

Online applications for each will be accepted until Friday, Feb. 14, at noon.

This past spring, the Community Foundation awarded more than \$200,000 to the Class of 2024 in Jefferson County.

To apply, students must create a profile and complete the online application available at the link provided on the Community Foundation's Scholarship page at www.cfmjc.org. For the general scholarship process, students will answer a collection of common questions that will match them with the scholarships for which they are eligible to apply. They may also complete the separate application for the Madison Chautaugua Scholarship for the Arts in Memory of Bob Fourhman.

"We are fortunate to have so many generous donors interested in helping Jefferson County students reach the next level of their educational goals," said Community Foundation Scholarship Coordinator Julie Wells.

#### SPICER NURSING **SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship is open to registered nurses living in Jefferson, Clark, Jennings, Ripley, Scott or Switzerland Counties in Indiana or Carroll or Trimble Counties in Kentucky who have their associate degree in nursing and are planning to pursue their bachelor's degree in nursing.

Carolyn Bruce Spicer was a nurse for 45 years, and she and her husband, Gene. wanted this endowment to help area nurses attain the next level of their education. This endowment also awards a scholarship to a Madison Consolidated High School senior planning to pursue an associate or bachelor's degree in nursing.

Applicants must create a profile and complete the online application available at https://cfmjcscholarships. communityforce.com.

al goals," said Community Foundation Scholarship Coordinator Julie Wells.

Wells shared some tips to help students put their "best foot forward" as they apply for scholarships:

• Don't wait until the last minute to submit your application. Many scholarships require items to be submit-

ted on your behalf by teachers, counselors, etc. before the deadline.

 Read and follow ALL instructions.

Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible in order to upload the Student Aid Index (SAI) page of the report to be eligible for scholarships considering Financial Need.

 Personally contact teachers, employers, etc. from whom you would like a letter of recommendation and ask them if they would submit a letter on your

 Contact the Community Foundation staff members if you experience technical issues prior to the application deadline date.

Established in 1991, the Community Foundation of Madison and Jefferson County fulfills the mission of building a strong, vibrant "We thank Carolyn and community by helping Gene for helping registered donors provide perpetunurses in the area reach the al funding for the people, next level of their education- projects and passions of Jefferson County. Of its 267 endowments, the Community Foundation manages over 65 scholarship endowments.

For more information about Community Foundation scholarships, visit https://www.cfmjc.org/ scholarships/, contact Julie Wells at 812-274-0945, or email julie@cfmjc.org.

#### **BIDEN**

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the president using his extraordinary power in the waning days of his presidency to ensure his son wouldn't see time behind bars, especially after Donald Trump 's win. The president's supporters have long viewed Biden's commitment to his family as an asset overall, even if Hunter's personal conduct and tangled business dealings were seen as a persistent liability.

But the pardon comes as Biden has become increasingly isolated since the loss to Trump by Vice President Kamala Harris, who jumped in to the race after the president's catastrophic debate against Trump in June forced his exit from the election.

He is still struggling to resolve thorny foreign policy issues in the Middle East and Europe. And he despite his advanced age, ing years.

which helped return the Oval Office to Trump, a man he had warned time and again was a threat to democratic norms.

Trump has gleefully planned to undo Biden's signature achievements on climate change and reverse the Democrat's efforts to reinvigorate the country's alliances, all while standing poised to take credit for a strengthening economy and billions in infrastructure must reckon with his deci- investments that are in sion to seek reelection the pipeline for the com-







### **CCMH receives 2024 Community Star Award for Kentucky**

**BY TAYLOR WILLIAMS** PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

Carroll County Memorial Hospital (CCMH) was recently awarded the 2024 Kentucky Community Star Award presented on National Rural Health Day, Thursday, Nov.

"The National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH) and the Kentucky Office of Rural Health (KORH) joined together to honor CCMH with the Community Star Award. The hopsital was "chosen for its exceptional contributions to rural healthcare, and making a significant impact on the lives of those they serve."

This award was presented in a ceremony at the hospital's front lobby by CCMH CEO Kim Haverly with the hospital's nurses, doctors, staff and board members attending.

This marks the first time CCMH has won a statewide award since the facility first opened in the 1950s.

"This is an extraordinary honor and it's a reflection of the dedication, compassion, and innovation everyone of you brings to our mission," Haverly said to those gathered.

"Each state office of rural health determines who they feel is going above and beyond in their communities in a rural setting," Haver-

Carroll County Carroll County unty ospital orial Hospital

Carroll County Memorial Hospital was recently awarded the 2024 Community Star Award on National Rural Health Day, Thursday, Nov. 21. Celebrating the award were (from left): Ancillary Services Director Jill Goodman, CEO Kim Haverly, Physican Clinics Director Shelia Tomlinson, and Revenue Cycle Director Heather Reagan.

"only eligible for rural healthcare Office of Rural Health." facilities" and "only given to one nominee per state.".

One of the qualifications for winning the award was "getting the word out to folks to acknowledge and recognize what you're doing." She said CCMH accomplished that by creating a "strong ly added, noting the award is relationship with the Kentucky

Health Roadshow, which was created by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), recommendations were sought on which organizations they should visit and CCMH was suggested as one of the facilities CMS should visit.

The hospital hosted represen-During the 2024 Annual Rural tatives from the CMS, KORH, and the Kentucky Hospital Association (KHA) and showcased the facility while also discussing some of the struggles facing rural healthcare and critical access hospitals like reduced reimbursement rates and how the hospital provides services such as a Well-

ness Transportation Program and an outreach program by a nurse practitioner from the Warsaw Family Practice who does homecare visits serving 15-20 patients a month.

"It's more than just being able to be here to provide healthcare services," Haverly said. "We want to provide quality healthcare ser-

This award is connected to the National Rural Health Day (NRHD), which takes place on the third Thursday of November. to "shine a light on those who serve the vital health needs of the nearly 61 million people living in rural America," said Haverly.

"It is a time to recognize the challenges that we face and the incredible work we do together to overcome them every day," Haverly added.

During the ceremony, Haverly urged members of the hospital staff to sign a banner that will be framed for display in the hospital. The hospital also served its annual holiday meal, which was free to all employees, and handed out custom shirts designed by marketing manager Abigail Rose for those attending the ceremony as a "token of appreciation for being part of this outstanding team."

The Community Star Recognition Program, created in 2015, has now honored more than 350 rural stars nationwide.

#### NEDDING



**SEBREE TURNER AND MIKE YANG** 

#### Turner, Yang married in Oct. 5 ceremony

Mike Yang and Sebree Turner were married at the Room with a View, an event venue in Nashville, Tennessee, on Saturday, Oct. 5, 2024.

Sebree is the daughter of Michael and Sandy Turner, of Madison, and a graduate of Madison Consolidated High School and Indiana University. She is employed as a professional nanny.

Mike is the son of George and Kwei-Hwa Yang, of Oceanside, New York. He is a graduate of Oceanside High School and Lipscomb University. He works as a senior director of finance.

#### **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

#### **EVENTS 24th Annual Christmas**

at Hanover College

Hanover College's Fitzgibbon Recital

Thursday, Dec. 5, 5 p.m. Featuring the Hanover College Choral Ensembles directed by Dr. Madlen Batchvarova, and the Hanover College Instrumental Ensembles directed by Dr. Jonathan Stanley. Free admission to

#### **A Madison Holiday Tradition**

Madison Performing Arts Foundation **Trinity United Methodist Church** 412 West Main Street, Madison Thursday, Dec. 5, 7 p.m.

The annual brass quintet concert has been a Madison tradition with the Louisville Brass ensemble, which includes brass faculty members from the University of Louisville. Free admission.

#### **Madison Winter Solstice Showcase**

Madison Area Arts Alliance Gallery at The SPOT

326 Mulberry Street, Madison Thursday, Dec. 5, and Friday, Dec. 6, 5-8 p.m. each night

Works by Bill Barnes, Carol Brennertobe, J. Wright, Bonnie Peugeot Meadows, Jane Vonderheide, Patty Cooper Wells, Beejay Elles, Jensen Bowker, Sara Wines and Betty Manning. Music by Cheryl Liz Byers.

#### **Light Up Bedford**

Bedford, Kentucky

Saturday, Dec. 7, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The community will hold its Breakfast with Santa, Festival of Trees and Wreaths, crafts and bake sale, Christmas Parade, caroling and community three lighting ceremony on the Courthouse Square.

**Very Hallmark Christmas Carroll** Downtown Carrollton, Kentucky

Saturday, Dec. 7, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The second annual Very Hallmark Christmas Carroll, hosted by the Carrollton Main Street Program, includes a 5K run at 9 a.m., a baking contest noon to 3 p.m., a Christmas Parade at 6 p.m., opening of

the city's skating rink, and crafts and food vendors on the Carroll County Courthouse **Madison Community Band** 

#### **Christmas Concert** Clifty Falls State Park Inn Overlook

1650 Clifty Hollow Road, Madison Tuesday, Dec. 10, 7:30 p.m. Enjoy holiday favorites by the Madison Community Band. Free admission.

#### **BLOOD DRIVE**

North Madison United Methodist Church

2235 Allen Street, Madison Monday, Dec. 9, Noon to 6 p.m. Pre-register for the blood drive at redcrossblood.org.

#### **FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS Gleaners Mobile Food Pantry**

**National Guard Armory** 1533 Clifty Drive, Madison

Monday, Dec. 9, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Gleaners Mobile Food Pantry in Jefferson County will return to the second Mondays of each month in December (Dec. 9). The drive-through food pantry, which serves about 250 families monthly, will be open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. or when supplies run

#### **Salvation Army Food Bank**

331 East Main St.

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays noon-

A food giveaway at the red door on

east side of building. Bring your own bags.

For more information, call 812-265-2157.

#### **House of Hope Food Pantry**

100 East 2nd St., Madison Tuesdays 5-7 p.m.; Fridays 9-11 a.m. A food giveaway and distribution at the Jefferson County House of Hope Food Pantry in downtown Madison. Please arrive at the pantry 15 minutes prior to

#### **CLOTHING DISTRIBUTIONS**

**Jesus Clothes Closet Trinity United Methodist Church** 

412 W. Main St., Madison Mondays 9-11 a.m. Jesus Clothes Closet distributes free

closing to be served.

clothing to those in need. For more information, call 812-866-4843.

#### **SENIOR EVENTS**

#### **Hanover Senior Citizens Center**

**Exercising: The Hanover Senior Citizens** Program is offering free exercising at the Hanover Park Community Center on Mondays and Thursdays at 10 a.m.

Lunch: The Hanover Senior Citizens Program is serving lunch at noon on Fridays at the Hanover Park Community

Cost is \$5 and RSVP is required by calling 812-498-2894.

#### **Madison Senior Citizens Center**

Senior Meals: Lifetime Resources will be providing congregate meals at the Madison Senior Center, 208 West Main St. on Tuesday and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Meals are free for anyone over age 60 with a suggested donation of \$6. Meals are \$6 for anyone under age 60.

### Madison Ulster Project information meeting will be Wednesday

#### BY THE COURIER STAFF

An information meeting for Madison Ulster Project will be Wednesday, Dec. 4, 5:30 p.m., at the Madison-Jefferson County Public Library, 420 West Main Street.

Madison families first

homes as part of the Ulster Project in 1999 and continued through 2019. Now, after a five year hiatus, the program is being revived. Teens between the ages

of 14 to 16 are needed to host the eight teens arriving from Enniskillen North-

month of July next year. The group of 16 will spend the month participating daily in fun and team building activities to build trust, foster conflict resolution and learn how to become future leaders.

The Ulster Project is

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### State awards city grants for East Main calming, crosswalk improvements

**BY BOB DEMAREE** 

Mayor Bob Courtney announced at Monday's Board of Public Works and Safety (BPWS) meeting that Madison will receive two Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) grants from the Indiana ison Elks Club, but was not Department of Transportation for street improvements.

"The INDOT safety grant funding will allow us to implement our traffic calming plan for East Main Street and make much needed crosswalk safety improvements for Mulberrv and West Streets, which are two of our busiest pedestrian crossings in the city. It has been decades since investment for pedestrian safety in this corridor has occurred. We are grateful for Governor (Eric) Holcomb's and INDOT's investment in our community."

The city received a \$598,950 grant for crosswalk modernization for the intersections at West Street and Mulberry Street "because of the high volume of traffic and the pedestrian safety concerns.

includes a lane reduction and Courtney said Jefferson Street ing the second half of a dilap-

new thermo striping.

The city had also applied for a safety grant on the west end for traffic calming and pedestrian safety at the city approach of the bridge at Crooked Creek near the entrance to the Madawarded funding. The city's plan is to extend sidewalks to where the Heritage Trail will be expanded there, along with a crosswalk.

"We will reapply for those at another cycle" of grants, Court-

The BPWS also held a discussion on work on traffic studies for improving pedestrian safety including Vaughn Drive and Second Street. "There is a lot of work to be done on refreshing our cross walks and installing new cross walks where we see traffic patterns with pedestrian traffic," he said.

Courtney said he thinks there should be a three-way stop on Vaughn Drive at Broadway Street similar to that at West and Vaughn. "The traffic sometimes is very high and lot of vol-The city also received ume there," particularly when \$119,289.96 for the city's east the Crystal Beach Aquatic Cenend traffic calming plan that ter is in operation. Additionally,

and Vaughn Drive might be idated structures grant for the preservation community another location where a threeway stop would provide better pedestrian safety.

In other business, the board:

• Approved the awarding of a \$25,000 dilapidated structures PACE award to Jim Pruett for 308 Jefferson Street including tuck pointing, foundation stabilization and more. "This was a property desperately in need of someone like Jim Pruett to acquire and stabilize it," Courtney said of the property owner who was attending the meeting. the meeting.

'Jim, I want to personally thank you for all the investment you have made across town, specifically on Jefferson Street," Courtney said, addressing Pruett directly. "You've had a vision for that block for a very long time and I know you're not done investing down there, but thank you for saving these structures found themselves essentially demolished through deterioration and neglect. Thank you for making the investment in these properties."

· Delayed approval of award-

623 Broadway Street, owned enhancement." by Julie Brown, until the exte-Historic preservationist Bren-Schell while she is on maternity leave, said PACE requirements were met to receive the PACE final award.

However, Courtney noted ished. We cannot make a final disbursement when it's in this state of construction. The exterior needs to look like it's finished. We've made some mistakes in the past" in which final Feb. 3. PACE awards were given then completion of the exterior work stalled, and he doesn't want that to happen again.

"We want to enhance the that many of which would have community ... This is one that Comfort Station, 221 West Main be completed in the eyes of time.

He noted the structure currior is completed. A midpoint rently has no siding, no windows award of \$12,500 had been pre- and still has a house wrap. "We viously awarded, and the board would fund that final disburseunanimously agreed to hold off ment at 100% of the exterior awarding the second \$12,500. completion," Courtney added. "I'm less concerned about the na Haley, filling in on PACE interior but on the outside it for Director of Planning Nicole needs to look like a finished project ... They're doing great work. I'm grateful for the investment they are making. It's just premature to disburse all the PACE dollars with us waiting for who was was in attendance at the project has "got to look fin- the final exterior improvements to happen."

> Haley said the deadline for first round PACE applications for 2025 ended Monday with the next application deadline being

 Approved a request for Steel & Steam Coffee Company, a new Madison mobile business to set up in conjunction with the Santa's House at the Madison looks like it still has quite a Street, from 4:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. bit of exterior work to do. Just on Friday, Dec. 6, and Friday because they've done enough and Saturday, Dec. 20-21. The work to satisfy the match action allows the driveway for doesn't mean they've done the the Comfort Station to be closed project to the extent it could to vehicle traffic during that

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"It's an opportunity for us to develop our own roots in a community, and have a place where our kids go to school, and be able to be involved in a community, and those kinds of things. We're excited to be here," he

Blair said his family lives in a house at the north end of Clifty Falls State Park. "It's not a place to work. It's where we live," and a wonderful place for his son to grow up surrounded by nature.

"I absolutely love the park, I love the staff, I love the area. Clifty is a canvas of opportunity. There's so much potential to really polish the park and take it to the next level for Hoosiers. That's what I'm here to do."

Blair is the park's fourth property manager since the retirement of Darrell Skinner in 2018 after 46 years service. Since then, Brad Walker (2018-2022), Natalie Brinson (2022-2023) and Larry Brown (2023 through last summer) have served in that role. Assistant prop-

### Clifty Falls is Indiana's 3rd state park, opening in 1920

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Clifty Falls State Park is Indiana's third oldest 27, 1920 after Colonel Richard Lieber, an Indianapolis businessman, recommended that a state park system be created named for the waterfalls Aug. 25, 1924, with 32 as part of Indiana's cele- on Clifty Creek. There bration of its centennial are a total of four water room, lobby and large in 1916.

ond state park later that very rugged.

falls — Big Clifty Falls,

state park in Indiana, Falls — along with 10 in the inn in 1934 during the park today. dedicated on July 4, 1916. marked hiking trails that her visit to Madison as Turkey Run State Park vary in length and range she inspected work done state park, opening Oct. became the state's sec- from moderate rugged to

rooms, a large dining

in the park by the Civilian Conservation Corps, Falls State Park was anniversary, dedicated President Franklin Roosevelt to provide jobs and State Park is the oldest man Falls and Tunnel Eleanor Roosevelt slept which continue to serve pool.

Clifty Inn was rebuilt in 1964 then heavily damaged by the April 3, 1974 tornado that resulted in Earlier this year, Clifty a depression era work it being replaced with the The 1,519-acre Clifty Inn celebrated its 100th relief program under current structure that was later upgraded in 2006 to include a confermoney. Their projects ence center. Today, Clifty included roads and trails, Inn, managed since 2014 porch overlooking the gatehouses, shelters and by Renie Stephens, has McCormick's Creek Little Clifty Falls, Hoff- Ohio valley. First Lady drainage ways, many of 71 rooms with an indoor

erty manager Cory Duff air conditioning and modhas been there since Oct. 31, 2022, and Blair said his experience has "made him a really good assistant manager."

Blair noted there are a number of good employees who have served Clifty Park for many years. "As a new manager you have to lean into the folks that have been here, that know the property and have seen a little bit of everything."

said the campground is currently being upgraded to 50 amp electrical service at every

ernization that requires more wattage. "We want to improve the experience," he said, but the campground is just one part of the Clifty Falls State Park experience.

'We're here to make improvements for the folks that are staying overnight and camping, but we're also looking to make a lot of improvements for the community and the people who are here for the day,'

Blair said serving park patrons and seeing them enjoy the property are why camp site, noting it's a he chose working for the necessity because campers Indiana Department of have become bigger with Natural Resources in prop-

erty management.

"I don't think there is a better feeling in the world than to drive through a park, and as you're driving

nicking, and you look the my why. To be able faciliother way you see people tate something that they're swimming, you go forward going to remember the further and find a family rest of their life ... That's playing on the field. Just what makes me feel good through, you look one way to be able to facilitate that to be a part of that. It's and you see people pic- experience for folks, that's amazing."

### LIGHT

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The Light Up Madison celebration also included the announcement that Lacey Boltz, a third grader at Rykers' Ridge Elementary School, and Aubriella Doyle, a third grader at Lydia Middleton Elementary School, were selected as the winners of thr contest for elementary students to create holiday artwork for the city's official Christmas card for 2024.

More than 200 entries were received. "We have so many talented youngsters in our schools," said Courtney.

Boltz's card features the Grinch, which she was inspired to draw after watching the fictional character in a movie, and the words "Merry Christmas." Doyle's card was of the Broadway Fountain with the words "Happy Holidays." Half of the city's Christmas cards will have Boltz's design while the other half will have Doyle's design.

Friday's event also included an open house at Trinity United Methodist Church, where visitors enjoyed hot chocolate and cookies and the opportunity to visit with Santa Claus. The church sanctuary was also open with Dave Hottel, the church director of music and organist, playing the pipe organ.

Coming up Saturday at and girls bike drawing.



Members of the Trinity United Methodist Church choir sang Christmas carols on the front porch of the church on Friday prior to Friday's Light Up Madison event at the **Broadway Fountain.** 



Children gathered at the Madison-Jefferson County Public Library on Friday for a reading of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" and to sing Christmas carols. Judi Terpening, director of the library, is pictured opening the program and greeting the children and their families.

Hanover will be the fourth annual Hanover Christmas 6-8 p.m. at the Hanover Craft Center with 30 vendors at Southwestern Elementary School cafeteria from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Also at the craft fair will be stuffed stockings giveaways for boys ages 5-8 and 9-12, and girls ages 5-8 and 9-12. There will also be a boys

On Friday, Dec. 20, from Community Building, there will be a Christmas Celebration that will include reindeer games and the Grinch. On Monday, Dec. 16, Hanover Baptist Church will sing Christmas carols near the entrance to the Community Building from 6-8 p.m.



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# Madison's True to play golf at IU East

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

It didn't take Landon True very long to decide on where he wanted to attend college. One visit with Indiana University East coach Mark Williams was enough.

True, a senior at Madison, officially signed to play golf at IU East last Wednesday surrounded by a large contingent of friends and family in a ceremony just hours before playing in his annual Turkey Shootout basketball season opener.

"Landon has officially joined the 2% Club," Williams told those assembled. "Only 2% get a chance to play college sports and you're the reason why he gets that chance."

True felt an instant kinship with Williams on his first visit. Although there were other schools recruiting him, IU East was always at the top of his list.

"Just a cool coach. I enjoyed him a lot. I mean, when a coach wants you that bad, it's hard to say no," True said. "I had a couple options, but this was the best option for me."

True has been one of Madison's top players since he first set foot on campus four years ago. He was the Madison Courier Golfer of the Year that first state finals as a junior.



David Campbell

Madison's Landon True has signed to play golf at Indiana University East next year.

season and again last year after

leading the Cubs back to the on whether True would get a chance to play golf at the next maybe none, that work harder role model as I get older."

There was never a question level, only the decision of where. "I haven't had too many kids,

than him. He's out there until dark every night, whether we ask him to be there or not," Madison coach Chris Conner said. "He's one of the hardest working kids I've ever been around. I'm happy for him."

True played in the No. 1 position all season for Madison a year ago and shot a 73 to finish third in the sectional, one stroke behind teammate Henry Ashley as the Cubs won the sectional title with an impressive 294.

A week later, True shot an even-par 72 at the regional to finish fifth overall and lead Madison to a third-place finish overall to send the Cubs back to the state finals for the first time in nearly a decade.

True was part of a veteran team a year ago but he will be the only senior this year on what will be a young and inexperienced team. He relishes the chance to be a mentor and a leader.

"I got one more year and I would like to make a good push back to state," True said. "I just want to try to have a fun senior year with all the new guys. Make birdies, make pars, put up good scores and just have fun. Be a

#### MADISON COURIER VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR



Nina Campbell

Southwestern senior Harlee Hill is the Madison Courier Girls Volleyball Player of the Year.

# Do-everything Hill key to Southwestern's success

**BY DAVID CAMPBELL** 

When examining Harpart she does best. Is she a hitter? What about a passer? Or even a setter? the above.

High School senior brought a myriad of key part of our success.' skills to the table this year and was a large rea- makes Hill this year's give Hillarie (Buchanan) son why the Rebels won Madison Courier Girls a little bit more push so

Name

Anna Benecke

Alle Birchfield

Hillarie Buchanan

Anna Black

Lilly Canida

\* Harlee Hill

**Audrey Miller** 

Jenna Owens

Izzy True

**Rorie Scroggins** 

Alana Washington

\*Player of the Year

Brittain Neuman

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tops in the area.

She was also second on the team in kill percentage, assists and blocks freshman year, and I did The truth is, she's all of and third on the team in it all the way to my senior digs," Southwestern coach year. And then in the mid-The Southwestern Chris Johnson recited. dle of my senior year, I "Harlee was definitely a

20 volleyball matches for Volleyball Player of the that she would be ready

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242K, 61B, 62A

266K, 31B, 248D

223K, 27B, 36A

225K, 36B

344 asst

269D, 58 asst.

266D, 161K, 50A

682 asst, 239D, 53A

"She led the team in ers would be equally comfelt like I was more benlee Hill's volleyball skills, kills, hitting efficiency, fortable hitting the ball eficial to the team as an it's hard to decide which aces and ace percentage. and setting it, but Hill fit all-around hitter." that bill.

> "I started setting my decided that I was going to step down from that That skill set is what role, because I wanted to

Year. Not too many play- for next year," Hill said. "I

Hill flexed those hitting muscles throughout the year, collecting 266 kills to lead the area. But her name was at or near the top in every statistical category, with 31 blocks. 57 service aces and 248 digs. Her 95 assists were also fifth-best in the area, a remarkable amount for a player who was more likely to have the ball set to her than the other way around.

That flexibility gave Johnson a powerful weapon in which to work.

'She was our most productive all around player contributing significantly in all five fundamentals of the game: hitting, blocking, serving, passing and

setting," Johnson said. Hill's journey to Southwestern was a long one. She attended Shawe during her freshman and sophomore seasons, playing as setter on a Hilltopper team that won the

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# Switzerland can't dig out of early hole in loss to Tigers

BY THE COURIER STAFF

on Saturday in boys basketball.

The Pacers trailed 17-12 after the first quarter and 33-20 at halftime. hosts Trimble County on Lawrenceburg increased that margin to 55-38 after three quarters and cruised to the win from

ing and had six rebounds and three blocks to lead the Pacers. The senior 3-pointers.

nine points, five rebounds hosts Christian Academy and three assists for the of Indiana on Saturday.

Pacers, Mason Peelman Switzerland County fell had eight points and behind early and never four assists and Cooper recovered in a 69-57 loss Todd had three points, at home to Lawrenceburg three rebounds and three assists.

> Switzerland, now 1-1 on the season, travels to Clarksville on Friday and Saturday.

#### **LADY PACERS FALL AT AUSTIN**

Switzerland County suf-Cam Craig scored 33 fered a 76-31 loss at Auspoints on 12-of-19 shoot- tin in girls basketball on Saturday.

Brynn Owens scored 36 points to lead Austin

star was 5-of-10 on Switzerland, now 1-5 on the season, travels to Carson Griffith added Milan on Tuesday and

#### LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

#### **TUESDAY, DEC. 3 BASKETBALL**

Carroll Co. girls host Cornerstone Christian, 6 p.m. Madison girls host Floyd Central, 7:30 p.m. Shawe boys host Medora, 7:30 p.m. Switzerland Co. girls at Milan, 7:30 p.m. Trimble Co. boys host Highlands Latin, 7:30 p.m. Trimble Co. girls at Lexington Christian, 7:30 p.m. Carroll Co. boys hosts Cornerstone Christian, 8 p.m.

#### **SWIMMING**

Madison hosts Jennings Co., 6 p.m. Switzerland Co. hosts South Dearborn, Milan, 6 p.m.

#### **WRESTLING**

Madison at Batesville, 6 p.m.

#### **WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4 BASKETBALL**

Hanover women at Berea, 7 p.m. Hanover men hosts Berea, 7:30 p.m.

#### **THURSDAY, DEC. 5**

**BASKETBALL** Trimble Co. boys at Ludlow, 7:30 p.m.

#### FRIDAY, DEC. 6 **BASKETBALL**

Carroll Co. boys at Augusta, 6 p.m. Southwestern girls host Shawe, 6 p.m. Carroll Co. girls at Holmes, 7:30 p.m. Madison boys host Jennings Co., 7:30 p.m. Switzerland Co. boys at Clarksville, 7:30 p.m. Southwestern boys host Shawe, 8 p.m.

#### **WRESTLING**

Southwestern, Switzerland Co. boys at Scottsburg, 5 p.m.

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### Richardson's TD, 2-point play seal Colts' win over Pats

BY KYLE HIGHTOWER ASSOCIATED PRESS

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Anthony Richardson is getting used to having the ball in his hands in close games. And he's learning how to win in those situations.

Indianapolis' second-year quarterback threw a 3-yard touchdown pass to Alec Pierce with 12 seconds left and ran for the go-ahead 2-point conversion, and the Colts beat New England 25-24 on Sunday when the Patriots' Joey Slye missed a 68-yard field goal attempt as time expired.

It was the second comeback win in three games for Richardson, who also ran for a TD in the final minute to beat the New York Jets two weeks ago.

"Whatever it takes, man. Whatever it takes," Richardson said.

Richardson finished 12 of 24 for 109 yards, two touchdowns and two interceptions to help the Colts (6-7) keep their postseason hopes alive. Three of Indianapolis' final four opponents have losing records.

The Patriots (3-10) were eliminated from playoff contention with their fourth loss in five games. Drake Maye finished 24 of 30 for fell short of the crossbar. 238 yards with a touchdown and an interception.

pass-interference penalty to get into the red zone with just over a minute left. Then, facing fourthand-goal on the 3, Richardson rolled out and hit Pierce to get Indy within a point.

Coach Shane Steichen told his players they were going for 2 and called a run-pass option for Richardson, who took over from there.

"I know Shane called that play for a certain reason," Richardson said. "I was reading the outside guys on it. But once I looked in the middle, I just decided I was going to put it in my hands. ... And we made it happen."

Steichen said the moment could resonate for his quarterback and the Colts.

"It comes down to a lot of those in this league, and that's huge growth," Steichen said. "That's huge confidence for him. Huge confidence for our team that he can get those things done."

After the successful conversion, Maye connected with tight end Hunter Henry on two passes for 20 yards to advance the ball to midfield. The Patriots lined up from there for what would have been an NFL record-long field goal. Slye's kick was on line but

Indy's Jonathan Taylor carried Indianapolis capitalized on a Marshall Faulk (5,320 yards) for early in the third quarter.



Indianapolis Colts quarterback Anthony Richardson (5) celebrates with guard Quenton Nelson (56) and offensive tackle Bernhard Raimann (79) after completing a two-point conversion during the second half Sunday against the New England Patriots in Foxborough, Mass.

third place on the franchise rush-

The Patriots were balanced offensively, rushing for a season-high 200 yards. But they scored touchdowns on just 2 of 6 trips to the red zone.

settle for four field goals in the red zone and expect to win ball-

Matt Gay put the Colts in front 25 times for 96 yards, passing 17-16 with a 25-yard field goal

New England then drove the the Colts 7. Maye threw a pass that hit Henry in the hands at the goal line, but Julian Blackmon wrestled the ball away for an inter-

Indy punted, and the Patriots "I have to give our guys some chances," Maye said. "Just can't Antonio Gibson ran it in from 11 yards out, followed by a 2-point conversion pass from Maye to Kayshon Boutte that gave the Patriots a 24-17 lead with just over eight minutes remaining.

The Patriots possessed the ball ver Dec. 15.

for nine minutes more than the Colts in the first half, but they came away with one TD and three field goals in four red-zone trips. New England's offensive line was whistled for four holding penalties, which contributed to those drives being stunted.

Indy had only one penalty in the opening 24 minutes and went 2 for 2 scoring touchdowns inside the 20. New England led 16-14 at halftime.

#### **INJURIES**

Patriots: Henry left the game in the first quarter after a helmet-to-helmet hit. He returned in the second quarter.

#### **PEPPERS RETURNS**

Patriots safety Jabrill Peppers started after being taken off the commissioner's exempt list this week amid his ongoing domestic violence and drug case.

He was placed on the list on Oct. 9, two days after he was arrested and charged with shoving his girlfriend's head into a wall and choking her. The league said this week that its review is ongo-

He finished with nine tackles.

#### **UP NEXT**

After a bye, the Colts visit Den-

# Bengals defense flops again in 44-38 loss to Steelers

**BY JEFF WALLNER** 

CINCINNATI — It was more of the same for the Cincinnati Bengals on Sunday.

Another dismal defensive performance that has the team talking about offseason changes.

Cincinnati almost assuredly will miss the playoffs for the second straight year after it lost 44-38 to Russell Wilson and the Pittsburgh Steelers. Joe Burrow passed for 309 yards and three touchdowns, but it wasn't enough for the Bengals (4-8).

Again.

"We're sitting here in December and (still) saying we didn't do enough to win a game," Bengals center Ted Karras said. "There's a thin margin for error in the NFL. This team needs to learn to find a way to win."

games and four of its first five overall front. - weakened by injuries and costly miscues at big moments.

Burrow is having one of his best 300 yards and three touchdowns in didn't finish." each of the last three games.

or more points six times, including four of the past five games. The Bengals are averaging an NFL-high 30.3 points per game against teams with a .500 or better record this season, and they are 0-7 in those games.

"Just need to find a way to get stops," Bengals coach Zac Taylor said. "That starts at tackling. I don't question the effort. We just got to get guys on the ground. We have some good leadership on that side (of the ball). Still have a lot of trust in those

The defense got off to a good start can't get a win right now." on Sunday. Cam Taylor-Britt inter-



Pittsburgh Steelers running back Naiee Harris (22) is tackled by Cincinnati Bengals linebacker Akeem Davis-Gaither, front left, during the first half Sunday in Cincinnati.

son. But it dropped its first three a touchdown to put the Bengals in

"I felt like we set the tone for the game," Bengals defensive back Mike Hilton said. "We started the game out seasons. He has passed for at least hot, but it's a four-quarter game. We

Wilson threw for a season-high But the defense has allowed 34 414 yards and three touchdowns. Pittsburgh finished with 520 yards

McPherson's 38-yard field goal in with 2:39 remaining, but the Steelers the third quarter. But Pittsburgh responded with Pat Freiermuth's 25-yard touchdown reception.

Pittsburgh punted for the first and only time with 12:50 remaining in the fourth quarter. It was the fourth time this season that the Bengals scored at least 33 points and lost.

"It's hard to process," Bengals wide receiver Ja'Marr Chase said. "We

The Steelers won the turnover bat-

Cincinnati had a healthy Burrow cepted a Wilson pass in the first tle 3-1. With 11 minutes remaining, and high hopes going into this sea- quarter and returned it 51 yards for Nick Herbig stripped Burrow and Payton Wilson returned the fumble 21 yards for a touchdown that made

> Burrow threw one interception and fumbled twice on Sunday.

> "Need to take care of the ball better, that starts with me," Burrow said. "I've been happy with my playmaking ability this year. Just trying to get better. That's what I'm focused on.'

Despite the defensive struggles, Cincinnati closed to 27-24 on Evan it was still a one-possession game recovered an onside kick and converted on third down to run out the

> "This is a tough season," Burrow said. "We will be remembered by how we handle this. We'll learn a lot about who we have in the locker room, the guys we can count on going forward and the guys that we can't. We have to change a lot from this year. We haven't been good

### Coach: Violent hit on Jags' QB Lawrence 'has no business' in league

**BY MARK LONG** 

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. Trevor Lawrence walked out of EverBank sonville Jaguars quarterback.

Lawrence was carted off the field after taking a violent blow to the facemask from Houston linebacker Azeez Al-Shaair, a hit that prompted a sideline-clearing brawl and a over. I just knew it was secondary scuffle.

has no business being your guys." in our league," Jaguars 23-20 loss Sunday.

Back in the starting lineup after missing two games with a sprained left shoulder, Lawrence scrambled on a second-and-7 play in the second quarter. He initiated a slide before Al-Shaair raised his forearm and unleashed on the defenseless quarter-

Lawrence clinched both fists after the hit - movements consistent with what's referred to as the "fencing response," which can be common after a traumatic brain injury. He was on the ground for several minutes as teammates great leader for us. came to his defense

and mobbed Al-Shaair, whose latest perceived cheap shot could result in a suspension. "That was a dumb

Stadium with his wife by hit on his part," Jaghis side and a smile on uars defensive end Josh his face, a positive sign Hines-Allen said. "Hate for the oft-injured Jack- to see it. The first thing I thought of was to go get him because it's your brother, and that's the quarterback."

Added tight end Evan Engram: "I saw him sliding and then I saw the hit, and then, honestly, (my emotions) just took wrong. It was just a dirty "It's a play that really play, and you stick up for

Lawrence eventually coach Doug Pederson was helped to his feet said following his team's and loaded into the front seat of a cart to be taken off the field. He was not transported to a hospital for tests. He was quickly ruled out with a concussion, though.

> "It's unfortunate with the hit with Azeez," Texans coach DeMeco Ryans said. "That's not what we're coaching. Want to be smart in everything we do and not hurt the team, get a penalty there. Just have to be smarter when a quarterback is going

> "Just unfortunate play, not representative of who Azeez is. Like, he's a smart player, really

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### Chiefs keep winning despite O-line problem wreaking havoc with offense

**BY DAVE SKRETTA** 

until the fourth quarter, when Kansas City was desperately trying to fend off the lowly Las Vegas Raiders, for Chiefs coach Andy Reid to finally make a drastic change to his offensive line.

The Chiefs had tried Kingsley Suamataia at left tackle to start the season. When the rookie was getting beaten routinely for pressure and sacks, they switched to second-year pro Wanya Morris, who fared no better at protecting Patrick Mahomes.

In the waning minutes of a 19-17 victory Friday — one that wasn't secure until Las Vegas fumbled away a chance at a winning field goal with 15 seconds left — the Chiefs slid All-Pro left guard Joe Thuney out to tackle. Mike Caliendo entered at guard. And while they didn't have much move underscored what's been a season-long problem.

"It just solidified things."

What is the solution moving KANSAS CITY, Mo. — It took forward? Well, the Chiefs signed former Pro Bowl left tackle D.J. Humphries last week, but he's been with the team for only a few days, and he's also coming off an ACL tear that sidelined him for the entire offseason.

> In a perfect world, Humphries would slide into the lineup in time for the Chiefs' game against the Chargers next Sunday.

> In a more realistic world, the Chiefs may need to make it through another week or two before he's ready to contribute, and that would mean putting Morris back into the lineup or keeping Thuney protecting Mahomes' blind side.

> "I would tell you it's disruptive to any offense when the quarterback is hit," Reid acknowledged, "and not able to get the ball off."

Mahomes had gone 113 chance to work together, the straight starts without being sacked five-plus times in a game; Carolina and Las Vegas have "That was the right thing to do done it in consecutive weeks. at the time," Reid said afterward. And along with the sacks have

have made it hard for a Kansas City offense that has had to adapt to injuries all season to consistently put together drives.

"We have to make sure we clean those things up," Reid said. "It's hard to go backwards in this league and win games."

Yet the Chiefs keep doing it. They have won an NFL-record 14 straight one-possession games, including five decided on the final play, this season. That has allowed them to piece together an 11-1 record and already clinch a postseason bye.

"You're not satisfied with where we're at, even though we're winning football games," Mahomes said. "Our goal over these last few games is to prove the team we really are going into the playoffs and play that way in the playoffs."

#### WHAT'S WORKING

The passing game has started to produce — when Mahomes has time to throw — now that this season.

been penalties on Morris and DeAndre Hopkins has become right tackle Jawaan Taylor, which more ingrained in the offense. He had four catches for 90 yards against the Raiders, and his mere presence has opened things up for others, including Travis Kelce, who had seven catches for 68 yards.

#### WHAT NEEDS HELP

The Chiefs basically abandoned an unproductive running game against Las Vegas. Isiah Pacheco ran seven times for 44 yards in his return from an ankle injury, but 34 yards came on one carry. Kareem Hunt had 15 yards on his seven attempts.

#### STOCK UP

Two-time All-Pro defensive held without a sack for seven consecutive games, but he managed to bring down Raiders quarterback Aidan O'Connell twice. That was important given how much trouble the Chiefs have had getting to the quarterback when they aren't blitzing

#### **STOCK DOWN**

The entire Kansas City secondary has struggled for weeks, ever since cornerback Jaylen Watson was lost to a season-ending ankle injury. Nazeeh Johnson, Chamarri Conner and Bryan Cook in particular have been inconsistent in their coverage.

#### **INJURIES**

The Chiefs made it through the Raiders game without any inju-

#### **KEY NUMBER**

10 — The Chiefs have qualified for the playoffs for 10 consecutive seasons. That is the second-longest streak in NFL history behind the Patriots, who made tackle Chris Jones had been it 11 straight years from 2009-19.

#### **NEXT STEPS**

The game against the Raiders on Black Friday means the Chiefs have a couple of extra days to prepare for the Chargers. The Chiefs have beaten them six straight times, including a 17-10 win on Sept. 29 in Los Angeles.

### Rourke ties record with 6 TDs in IU's rout over Purdue

#### Hoosiers now await CFP fate

**BY MICHAEL MAROT** ASSOCIATED PRESS

BLOOMINGTON -Indiana closed out a historic regular season with a record-setting perfor-

Now, the 10th-ranked Hoosiers must play the waiting game to see if they will be in the College Football Playoff mix.

Kurtis Rourke threw two of his record-tying six touchdown passes to Elijah Sarratt, Justice Ellison and Ty Son Lawton each ran for scores and the Hoosiers routed rival Purdue 66-0 to reclaim the Old Oaken Bucket — and perhaps clinch a playoff spot Saturday.

"It's been a great season, these guys have had a lot of success, the leadership has been great and it's been a great year for Indiana," coach Curt Cignetti said. "We're not finished yet and we're not satisfied."

When Cignetti was asked if Indiana earned a playoff spot, he added: "Yeah, absolutely."

Indiana (11-1, 8-1 Big Ten) extended its single-season school record for wins with No. 11 by handing Purdue its most lopsided loss in the 125game series, breaking the previous mark of 52-7 in 1988. It was also Indiana's largest home win in the series, surpassing the 37-0 victory in 1917 and the largest league win in school history.

The only blemish: Indiana was eliminated from the Big Ten championship game when No. 4 Penn State 44-7 beat Maryland earlier in the day.

But that didn't tarnish the celebration for the team with the most losses in FBS competition at 714.

"It was a pretty dominant win," Cignetti said. "I thought we really played well on defense and we missed some opportunities on offense, but it's a rivalry game."

Purdue (1-11, 0-9) closed



Indiana's Daniel Ndukwe (91), Dontrae Henderson (20) and Quentin Clark (40) celebrate with the Old Oaken Bucket after defeating Purdue on Saturday in Bloomington, Ind.

the season with another shut out by Indiana for the ugly chapter.

The Boilermakers lost their last 11 games, suffered three shutouts and six losses of 35 or more points, including Saturday's the most lopsided loss in Purdue history, breaking the 66-7 mark set earlier this season.

Purdue went winless in league play for the fourth time since 1946, failed to beat an FBS foe for just the second time in college football's modern era and was first time since 1945.

The cold, snowy conditions that forced field crew members to use leaf blowers to clear the hash marks and yard lines during the first half only made the sting of this loss worse.

"It was the worst performance offensively that I've ever seen," embattled Purdue coach Ryan Walters said. "We couldn't do anything. I didn't see this coming. I thought we had a good week of practice, but

when we play top-10 teams. Old Oaken Bucket. Now we see how far we have to go."

Ellison's 2-vard run midway through the first quarter gave Indiana the lead. The Hoosiers made it 28-0 with three second-quarter scores — a 14-yard pass from Rourke to Ke'Shawn Williams, an 84-yard TD pass from Rourke to Elijah Sarratt and Lawton's 4-yard

The Boilermakers never recovered.

Rourke was 23 of 31 with 349 yards, becoming the third Indiana player with six TD passes in a game. Sarratt caught eight passes for 165 yards as Indiana outgained Purdue 582-67 in total yards.

Boilermakers quarterback Hudson Card was 6 of 13 with 35 yards and one interception. He did not play in the second half.

#### **TAKEAWAYS**

**Purdue:** The Boilermakers added another miserable memory to maybe the worst season in school history: Giving away the mittee.

the questions begin. What went wrong? What can be fixed? Will coach Ryan Walters return for his third

**Indiana:** The Hoosiers rebounded from their first loss with another good showing. Indiana fixed the blocking miscues that plagued it the previous two weeks and even though the Hoosiers fell just short of playing for a Big Ten title, they still hope to be among the expanded playoff field.

#### **POLL IMPLICATIONS**

The zaniness of rivalry week could push Indiana up a few spots, though they're more interested in seeing where the playoff selection committee puts the Hoosiers.

#### **UP NEXT**

**Purdue:** Winter workouts and spring practice.

Indiana: Waits to find out its next opponent and word from the CFP com-

## Louisville rides 5 UK turnovers to 41-14 rout of Kentucky

**BY GARY B. GRAVES** 

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Isaac Brown and Duke Watson rushed for two touchdowns each, Ramon Puryear returned one of Louisville's five takeaways for a score and the Cardinals blew out rival Kentucky 41-14 on Saturday to the game with the nation's win the Governor's Cup for the 13th-ranked passing attack. first time since 2017.

ed the Cardinals (8-4) toward a a TD to blunt Kentucky's momen-20-0 halftime lead before he busted a 67-yard, exclamation-point 4-yard TD pass from Gavin Wimscore midway through the fourth as they halted a five-game losing streak against the Wildcats (4-8). He finished with career highs of 178 yards on 26 carries to surpass quarterback Lamar Jackson and become Louisville's first true freshman to rush for 1,000 yards. Jackson ran for 960 yards in 2015, a year before winning the Heisman Trophy.

"I wanted to beat the record, so I had to stay focused and not let the outside get to me," said Brown, who has 1,074 yards and 486-328, denied all nine third-11 touchdowns.

Watson, another freshman,

rushed six times for 104 yards. He exploded down the left sideline for a 58-yard TD in the second quarter before breaking a 24-yard scoring run late in the third to make it 34-7. Louisville totaled 358 yards rushing in freezing temperatures, notable for a team that entered

Puryear preceded that score Brown's 1-yard TD run start- with a 20-yard fumble return for tum after Ja'Mori Maclin caught a satt for its first score. Wimsatt, who started the second half in relief of Wildcats freshman Cutter Boley, also connected with Maclin for an 83-yard score in the fourth and was 4 of 9 for 125 yards.

> Kentucky finished with its sixth loss in seven contests after having its school-record eight-year postseason streak stopped.

> Defensive back Tamarion McDonald recovered a fumble and intercepted a pass for Louisville, which outgained Kentucky down situations and one fourth-



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Governor's Cup giveaway Kentucky's season ends with five turnovers in 41-14 rout by Louisville

"We did a good job pressuring the quarterback," Louisville defensive end Ashton Gillotte said. "They have a good run game, so they're going to run at any stage, any part of the game and keep running. ... Our DBs capitalized on the moments and we capitalized in terms of sacks.'

#### **BLUEGRASS HARDWARE**

Louisville's reward was the Gov-

ernor's Cup, a 33-inch-high, 110pound trophy comprised of marawarded the Howard Schnellenberger MVP award.

#### **MILESTONE TRIFECTA**

Brown helped Louisville earn a rare achievement with its first 1,000-yard rusher to go along with a 1,000-yard receiver and 3,000-yard passer in the same season. It's just the third time the Cardinals have done so and first since 1999. Receiver Ja'Corey Brooks previously surpassed 1,000 yards while quarterback Tyler Shough broke the 3,000yard passing plateau last week against Pitt.

#### THE TAKEAWAY

**Louisville:** The Cardinals actually could have put it out of reach a very good team around him. We in the first half if they hadn't have to make sure that we have settled for field goals near the strong competition." goal line. No big deal, as Brown and Watson broke it open in the second half with Puryear highlighting their huge defensive perment on Dec. 8. formance that created chances.

They also had two sacks.

"We talked about tackling," ble, crystal and 23-karat gold-plat- coach Jeff Brohm said. "Everyed brass and pewter. Brown was body tackling with your eyes, with your shoulders, with your arms, your body, not going for the ankles and swarming the ball. when you do that, that's when you get extra arms and hands on the ball and you can knock things

> **Kentucky:** Boley was supposed to offer a peek into the Wildcats' future in his first collegiate start but tossed two interceptions and completing just 6 of 15 passes for 48 yards. Jamarion Wilcox's two fumbles also hurt and Wimsatt was picked off, but his relief effort sparks offseason questions about a QB battle next spring.

> "I have a lot of confidence in Cutter," coach Mark Stoops said. "We've got to make sure we build

#### **UP NEXT**

Louisville awaits its bowl assign-Kentucky ends its season

### Conference newcomers to play for titles in Power 4

**BY ERIC OLSON** 

The first season of major conference expansion has produced an intriguing set of championship games this week, and not only because they will determine which teams get automatic bids and first-round byes in the College Football Playoff.

Four of the nine games Friday and Saturday match teams that already squared off in the regular season. Texas-Georgia in the Southeastern Conference game in Atlanta is one of those rematches and also one of two games matching teams in the top five of The Associated Press college football poll.

Each of the Power Four games will include a team that wasn't in that conference last season. Three of the newcomers were in their previous league's championship game last year — Oregon (Pac-12), Texas (Big 12) and SMU (American).

And not unexpected with so much change on the college sports landscape, there will be a couple of first-ever meetings: Arizona State-Iowa State in the Big 12 and SMU-Clemson in the

All championship games are Saturday except in the American Athletic, Conference USA and Mountain West, which will be played Friday.

No. 1 Oregon (12-0) can lock up the top seed for the CFP with a win over No. 3 Penn State (11-1) in the Big Ten game in Indianapolis. The Ducks went unbeaten in the regular season for the second time — they also did it in 2010 — and will meet the Nittany Lions for the first time since the 1995 Rose Bowl.

No. 2 Texas (11-1) gets another shot at No. 5 Georgia, which beat the then-No. 1 Longhorns 30-15 in Austin on Oct. 19. The winner will get the SEC's automatic CFP bid; the loser likely will be an at-large selection. That could lead to a third meeting of the teams.

No. 12 Arizona State (10-2) plays No. in Arlington, Texas. The Sun Devils, previous meetings, in 2021 and '22.

first-year Big 12 members and picked to finish last in the 16-team league in the preseason poll, have won seven more games than a year ago under second-year coach Kenny Dillingham. Iowa State has won 10 games for the first time in its program's 133-year his-

No. 8 SMU (11-1) faces No. 18 Clemson in the Atlantic Coast Conference game in Charlotte, North Carolina. The Mustangs won the American Athletic Conference title last year and went unbeaten in league play in their first season in the ACC. Clemson (9-3) made it to the championship game with help from Syracuse, which upset Miami on Saturday.

There are three rematches in the Group of Five championship games.

No. 19 UNLV (10-2) faces No. 10 Boise State (11-1) on the blue turf in Boise, Idaho. The defending champion Broncos won 29-24 in Las Vegas on Oct. 25.

Ohio (9-3) plays defending champion Miami (Ohio) (8-4) in the Mid-American Conference game in Detroit. The RedHawks beat Ohio 30-20 on Oct. 19 and have won seven straight after a 1-4 start. The Bobcats have won five in a row.

Jacksonville State (8-4) and Western Kentucky (8-4) will play for the second time in seven days when they meet in the Conference USA game in Jacksonville, Alabama. Western Kentucky won 19-17 on Lucas Carneiro's 50-yard field goal with three seconds left Saturday.

Army (10-1) hosts Tulane (9-3) in the AAC game in West Point, New York. The teams will play for the first time since 2020. Tulane, the conference runner-up last year, has won four straight and is 13-9-1 all-time against the Black Knights, who are in their first year as a football-only AAC

Marshall (9-3) visits Louisiana-Lafayette (10-2) for the Sun Belt game. The 16 Iowa State (10-2) in the Big 12 game Ragin' Cajuns have won the only two

### Purdue fires Coach Walters after going 5-19 in two football seasons

BY MICHAEL MAROT

Purdue hired Ryan Walters to keep a promising program near the top of the Big Ten Conference.

Two years later, the Boilermakers have sunk to unprecedented depths — and Walters is out of a job.

Athletic director Mike Bobinski fired the first-time head coach on Sunday, following a brutal 1-11 season in which the Boilermakers made

all the wrong kinds of history. They lost their final 11 games to set the school's single season record, endured the two most lopsided losses in program history, went winless in conference play for only the third time since 1946 and failed to beat an FBS opponent for the first time since 2013 and the second time in college football's mod-

It was simply too much to ignore even for a program like Purdue, which rarely fires coaches this quickly and the revenue model changes next

"It's a pivotal time for Purdue, and we must take the steps necessary to best position our football program for success," Bobinski said in a statement. "We are determined to provide the university and our incredibly loyal fans football performance that reflects the excellence of Purdue and is worthy of their continued support."

The move comes a day after the Boilermakers' worst loss in the 126-game rivalry with No. 10 Indiana, 66-0. On the radio broadcast afterward, games went awry. Walters

Walters called it the worst took risky gambles in two offensive performance he'd ever seen, then told reporters

he had a vision for the future. Walters replaced Jeff Brohm after Purdue's 2022 Big Ten West Division title run, which ended with a Big Ten championship game loss to the playoff-bound Michigan Wolverines.

But things unraveled quickly for Walters.

The FBS' sixth-youngest coach lost his first game to Fresno State, started 2-3, then lost four in a row three by 17 or more points to start a trend that continued through his second season and ultimately sealed his fate.

While Purdue was projected to finish last in this year's expanded 18-team Big Ten, few expected such a complete collapse — even despite a brutal schedule that included four contests against topfive teams.

"This was a truly difficult decision, as head coach Ryan Walters continued to lead the Boilermakers with integrity, resilience and poise in the face of considerable challenges," Bobinski said.

It wasn't just the losses it was how they lost.

Purdue gave up 21 points to then-No. 18 Notre Dame in the final  $2^{1}/_{2}$  minutes of the first half, a flurry that led to what was then the most lopsided loss in school history, 66-7. Saturday's loss was even worse as the Boilermakers suffered their third shutout, losing for the sixth time by 35 or more points while gaining just 67 total yards.

Even the competitive

overtime games by playing for the win. Both failed, and at Michigan State, their sec-

ond-half comeback fell short. The fans who kept showing up for home games grew exasperated by what they saw. Walters insisted Saturday night that he could still fix things.

"I know exactly what this place needs, what holes we need to fill," Walters said. "I feel like going into Year 3, being able to attack the holes we need to fill and getting the right people in place to push forward, I feel comfortable in that plan and confident in that plan."

How bad did things get?

When the student section at a Purdue basketball game started chanting for Walters' firing, school administrators threatened to remove anyone caught chanting about the football coach's job status and banning them from future

games. Behind the scenes, there was a perception of chaos,

Walters fired offensive coordinator Graham Harrell just 16 games into his tenure, turning over the play-calling duties to Jason Simmons, a longtime Indianapolis prep head coach who was in just his second season coaching at the college level.

When Purdue responded with a 52-6 loss at Wisconsin, Walters, who spent his entire coaching career working with college defenses, started calling the offensive plays in Week 7.

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### No. 8 Kentucky overpowers Georgia State at Rupp

**BY AARON GERSHON** THE CATS' PAUSE

LEXINGTON — The No. 8 Kentucky Wildcats finished off a four-game homestand with a 105-76 victory over Georgia State in a chippy affair inside Rupp Arena Friday.

"I thought it was a great night of basketball," UK head coach Mark Pope said postgame. "All the saltiness and in the whole

"I thought our guys really pulled together, and that's so beautiful to see as a coach. I was really proud of the guys.

After finishing the first half on a 17-4 run to take a 48-33 lead into halftime, Georgia State came out firing in the second half as it used a 20-11 run to cut UK's lead down to six at 59-53 with 13:30 remaining.

Following a shoving match that began after Georgia State's Clash Peters undercut UK's Amari Williams from behind, resulting in both a flagrant and technical foul on Peters and technical fouls on Kentucky's Koby Brea and Otega Oweh and Georgia State's Zarique Nutter, day in practice. That's nothing the Wildcats woke up in a big new, and if you're not used to way, going on a 20-8 run to push its lead to 81-61 with 7:45 left to aback, not to say Kentucky play.



Darrell Bird/The Cats' Pause Otega Oweh dives for a loose ball during Kentucky's game with Georgia State on Friday night at

"It definitely did," Kentucky forward Anslev Almonor said when asked if the shoving match led to a spark for the Wildcats. "It brought us a little more together, especially with the crowd behind this and stuff. I feel like the momentum definitely shifted once that happened."

"One of our calling cards is to play a physical brand of basketball, especially in our league. I think that's what carries ourselves in our league, and that play ... there wasn't anything sinister about it," Georgia State head coach Jonas Hayes added of the foul. "Just a physical play. There are clashes like that every that, you can kind of get taken wasn't used to it, but we see that



Officials try to regain control after a flagrant foul by Georgia State's Clash Peters created a lot of shouting and shoving leading to two technical fouls during Kentucky's win Friday night.

every single day."

Wildcats as he scored 17 points he could reproduce every single Tuesday's SEC/ACC Chalfrom his point guard position, one of the plays he made every lenge (TV: Live on ESPN at shooting 7-for-10 from the field. single night? There was no hope 9:30 p.m.), the Wildcats will He added four rebounds, six in any of those plays. I'm so begin the season 8-0 for the assists and three steals.

"My goodness, he was good

today, wasn't he? He was just so tucky has matched its best Point guard Lamont Butler in control," Pope said of Butler's start to a season since 2016was the star of the night for the performance. "Didn't it look like 17. If UK wins at Clemson in proud of him."

first time since its 38-1 2014-15 Now 7-0 on the season, Ken- campaign under John Calipari.

### Colvin's putback lifts No. 13 Purdue to 80-78 win over No. 23 Ole Miss

**BY BERNIE WILSON** ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN DIEGO — Myles Colvin rebounded Braden Smith's missed fadeaway jumper and scored with 0.5 seconds left to give No. 13 Purdue an 80-78 win over No. 23 Ole Miss in the championship game of the Rady Children's Invitational on Fridav.

Trey Kaufman-Renn had 25 points and 13 rebounds lead with 5:16 left after for Purdue (7-1), which Jaylen Murray hit a 3-pointblew a 17-point first-half lead before rallying to end the Rebels' nation-leading, 19-game nonconference winning streak.

Matthew Murrell's layup 9:40 to go before halftime with 14.7 seconds left. after a barrage of 3-point-After two timeouts by Ole Miss and one by Purdue, ting hot from 3 themselves ville on Tuesday, and the Boilermakers went to trail 42-34 at halftime. Purdue is at Penn State

ning sequence, with Smith lead on Dre Davis' two free shooting from the right baseline and Colvin swooping in for the rebound and the putback.

Colvin had 20 points and Smith 18 for Purdue, which won its fourth straight Thanksgiving week tourna-

Jaemyn Brakefield scored 18 for Ole Miss (6-1), which had a 75-68 er. Murrell scored 14 and Murray 13.

#### **TAKEAWAYS**

**Ole Miss:** The Rebels fell Ole Miss tied it at 78 on behind by 17 points with ers by Purdue before getdown the floor for the win- The Rebels took a 59-58 on Thursday.

throws with 12:10 to go.

Purdue: Despite the Rebels taking the lead and the momentum, the Boilermakers got big shots and clutch rebounding from Kaufman-Renn and Colvin down the stretch.

#### **KEY MOMENT**

Ole Miss didn't box out on Smith's missed shot, and Colvin swung in from the left side to grab the rebound and make the winning shot.

### **KEY STAT**

The Boilermakers outrebounded the Rebels 37-26.

#### **UP NEXT**

Ole Miss is at Louis-



Purdue players celebrate after Purdue beat Mississippi in the Rady Children's Invitational in an NCAA college basketball game Friday, Nov. 29, 2024, in San Diego.

### Mgbako's 25 powers No. 14 IU over Providence to 7th place at B4A

enzie Mgbako scored 25 points, Malik Reneau added 21 place at the Battle 4 Atlantis.

straight Indiana points late in 20 at the free-throw line. the first half to finish with 13 at the break. Indiana led by as many as 19 points in the sec- Abdur-Rahim added 14 points er against Providence with 16:17

Trey Galloway scored on 8-of-9 shooting and No. 14 18 points and Oumar Ballo Indiana beat Providence 89-73 grabbed 10 rebounds to go on Friday to claim seventh with eight points for Indiana (5-2). The Hoosiers shot 53% Mgbako scored seven from the field and made 17 of

Jayden Pierre led Providence (5-3) with 22 points. Jabri games, made his second 3-pointond half and Providence didn't despite being limited after left in the second half. He fin-

NASSAU, Bahamas — Mack- get closer than nine after the picking up his fourth foul with ished 3 for 4 from 3-point range for Indiana from the 3-point line 15:25 left in the second half. and also had five assists with just Corey Floyd Jr. also scored 14. two turnovers in 30 minutes.

#### **TAKEAWAYS**

Galloway made his first start lyle in street clothes on the bench. Galloway, who entered with just two 3-pointers in six sessions during the run.

#### **KEY MOMENT**

Indiana started the second half Mgbako. of the season with Kanaan Car- on a 13-4 run to take control at 57-38. Reneau converted a threepoint play on back-to-back pos-

#### **KEY STAT**

It was a bounce-back game day.

after making just 4 of 18 against No. 3 Gonzaga on Thursday. The Hoosiers made 8 of 15 against Providence with four from

#### **UP NEXT**

Indiana returns home to play Sam Houston on Tuesday. Providence plays BYU in the Big 12-Big East Battle on Tues-

### Oklahoma Sooners beat Louisville 69-64 to win Battle 4 Atlantis

Jalon Moore scored 24 points, Glenn Taylor Jr. night to win the Battle 4

Jeremiah Fears added the lane that gave them ished with 11 points and Oklahoma scored 14 of ond half to make it 39-38 it once.

(7-0).

scored eight of his 12 3-pointer for Louisville to

Reyne Smith hit a on from there.

points in the final 6 min- make it 58-all with 5 min- 12 points and grabbed about 7 ½ minutes left in 39-32. utes and Oklahoma beat utes to play but Taylor 13 rebounds and Chucky the first half but Brycen Louisville 69-63 Friday scored the next six points Hepburn also scored 12 Goodine hit two 3s — the and then two free throws in the second half but for the Sooners, includ- points for Louisville (5-2). second followed with an before Kobe Elvis added trimmed its deficit to a ing a fade-away jumper in Terrence Edwards Jr. fin- and-1 free throw — as a layup to open the sec- point five times and tied

NASSAU, Bahamas — 10 points for Oklahoma a 64-59 lead with 1:35 to Noah Waterman added the next 18 points to take and the Sooners went 0

play and Oklahoma held 10 points and 11 boards. a 10-point lead with 1:50 for 5 from the field and Edwards scored in the to go. Moore's dunk just committed four turn-J'Vonne Hadley scored lane to make it 23-all with before halftime made it overs over the first 7-plus

minutes of the second Hadley made a layup half. Louisville never led

### Grizzlies rally from 19-point deficit to beat Pacers 136-121

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defeated the Indiana Pacers 136-121 on Sunday.

Ja Morant finished with 19

Memphis won its sixth straight.

Bennedict Mathurin led the MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Jaren Pacers with 19 points and nine Jackson Jr. had 25 points, eight rebounds, part of six Indiana rebounds and three blocks as players finishing in double figthe Memphis Grizzlies erased ures. Pascal Siakam scored a 19-point first-half deficit and 17 points and handed out six assists, and Obi Toppin had 16 points and eight rebounds.

The Pacers got some help on points and eight assists, and the injury front as starting guard Marcus Smart and Desmond Andrew Nembhard returned after

with left knee inflammation. His 14 second half. first-half points helped Indiana to a in the second half as he was on limited minutes.

#### **TAKEAWAYS**

Pacers: Indiana was shooting at a 60% clip in the first half as it built a 19-point lead, and its 68 Bane added 16 points each as missing 14 games in November Pacers couldn't keep pace in the the third quarter with Morant day night.

**Grizzlies:** Poor shooting had double-digit lead. He did not play Memphis struggling early. But the shooting improved after the first quarter as Memphis finished at 53%, including 16 of 46 from 3-point range.

#### **KEY MOMENT**

The Grizzlies whittled into the points were the most its scored Pacers 19-point lead by halftime in a first half this season. The and outscored Indiana 40-23 in

and Jaylen Wells pushing the offense.

#### **KEY STAT**

Indiana's Tyrese Haliburton was averaging 25.5 points over the previous four games, but was limited to eight points and shot 3 of 10 from the field.

#### **UP NEXT**

The Pacers visit Toronto Tues-

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son as a senior.

They're all great. I really found a family with them," Hill said. "Coach John-Ohio River Valley Con- son is a great coach and ference championship. a great person. He taught She enrolled at Southwest- me a lot about myself and ern before her junior year about volleyball and just and had a bumpy first sea-being a better person son, before settlingin with and a better player all

Along the way, Hill player in school history to reach 1,000-career points and with 1,024 while amassing 700 kills, 139 blocks and 185 aces. She was named to the 2024 ORVC All-Conference Team and was invited to try out for the Indiana South All-Stars.

While the individual team did well, and I think was just happy to help the happy about that." team succeed.

little bit nervous going senior season for a Rebinto my senior year just els team that has startthan the years prior," she the future, but she's keep-

"The team is great. became only the seventh accolades were nice, Hill that I did well, so I'm nication with coaches all

A standout basketball "I feel like I did pret- player, too, Hill is already said. "But I think that the ing all options open.

"I have been in commuaround the United States. I'm really excited to see where that takes me, ty well this year. I was a several games into her Hill said. "If I don't end up continuing my athletic career further, I plan on because I wanted to make ed the year 5-2. She isn't attending USI in Evansan impact a little more sure what will happen in ville. So I'm really excited to see what the future holds."

the Rebels this past sea- around."

### US, England women draw 0-0 in Hayes' homecoming

**BY SAMUEL PETREQUIN** ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON — Emma Hayes oversaw a dominant display from her United States team at a packed Wemblev Stadium without tasting victory on her return to England on Sat-

Hayes, a Londoner who coached the U.S. women to the Olympic soccer after 14 major trophies at Chelsea, came home for a friendly against European champion England.

In a matchup of the two best women's teams in the FIFA rankings, the U.S. had the best chances but the game ended in a goalless draw.

"I'm super proud of the way we imposed ourselves on the game, it's just the last part of the pitch," Hayes said. "Generally, I'm pleased with the performance.'

The U.S. was without its injured attacking trio of Trinity Rodman, Sophia Smith and Mallory Swanson. But the quality among the visitors still overwhelmed England, which had injury issues, too. Forward Lauren Hemp and defender Maya Le Tissier

Alyssa Thompson's curling shot forced an early parry from England goalkeeper Mary Earps as the U.S. pinned England in its half and turned over England ball too easily in midfield. The Americans dominated possession and earned a lot of space to develop their game and press high.

But they lacked an edge gold medal this summer in the final third and could SEE HAYES/PAGE B8

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### Ohio St, Miami, Clemson take AP Top 25 plunge

**BY ERIC OLSON** 

AP COLLEGE FOOTBALL WRITER

Ohio State, Miami and Clemson plunged in The Associated Press Top 25 college football poll Sunday following their losses during a wild weekend, eight of the top 10 teams moved up one spot and Oregon was No. 1 for the seventh straight week.

The shakeup creates two top-five matchups in conference championship games coming up on Saturday, a day before the College Football Playoff bracket is announced. Oregon, the nation's only unbeaten the Southeastern Conference game in Atlanta, a rematch of their top-five meeting in October won by the Bulldogs.

No. 4 Notre Dame, 11-1 ence championship game, and a winner of 10 straight, won't play again until the College Football Playoff.

Ohio State, which lost for the fourth straight time to Michigan and was knocked out of the Big Ten title game, dropped five spots to No. 7, behind Tennessee.

SMU is No. 8 and followed by Indiana and Boise State. The Broncos are in the top 10 for the first time since 2011 and the highest-ranked Group of Five team, two spots ahead of No. 12 Arizona State, the highest-ranked Big 12 team.

If the Broncos win the team, will face No. 3 Penn Mountain West title and are State in the Big Ten game one of the top four-seeded in Indianapolis. No. 2 Texas conference champions in will play No. 5 Georgia in the final CFP rankings, they would receive a bye to the quarterfinals.

Miami's loss at Syracuse cost the Hurricanes a spot in the Atlantic Coast Conferand possibly the CFP, and dropped them six spots to No. 14. Clemson, which plays SMU in the ACC game, lost at South Carolina and fell six places to No. 18.

South Carolina has won six straight — four against ranked opponents — and earned a three-rung promotion to No. 13. Mississippi remained No. 15 and was followed by Iowa State and BYU.

#### **POLL POINTS**

Ohio State's 13-10 loss to Michigan marked the fifth time this season a top-five team lost to an unranked opponent, the most since it happened five times in 2017.

Miami's 42-38 loss to Syracuse was the 12th by a top-10 team against an opponent since 2017.

unranked opponent, the most since there were 12 such losses in 2021.

It's been 10 years since South Carolina was ranked higher than in-state rival Clemson. In 2014, the Gamecocks were No. 13 following a 3-1 start and finished 7-6 and unranked in Steve Spurrier's last full season as coach.

Notre Dame has its highest ranking since it was No. 4 on Dec. 22, 2020.

#### **IN AND OUT**

No. 23 Syracuse enters the Top 25 for the first time since Oct. 30, 2022, after winning nine games for the first time since 2018 under first-year coach Fran Brown. The win over Miami was its first over a top-10

No. 25 Memphis, which was last ranked in October 2020. knocked off Tulane as a double-digit road underdog and has 10 wins for the second straight year.

Tulane, which plays at No. 24 Army in the American Athletic Conference title game, went from No. 18 to out of the rankings.

Texas A&M, No. 20 last week, was bounced after losing at home to Texas and dropping its last three SEC games.

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— No. 1 Oregon vs. No. 3 Penn State in Indianapolis, Big Ten championship.

No. 2 Texas vs. No. 5 Georgia in Atlanta, Southeastern Conference championship.

No. 8 SMU vs. No. 18 Clemson in Charlotte, North Carolina, Atlantic Coast Conference championship.

- No. 10 Boise State vs. No. 19 UNLV in Boise, Idaho, Mountain West championship.

 No. 12 Arizona State vs. No. 16 Iowa State in Arlington, Texas, Big 12 championship.

## Luck returns to Stanford as football general manager

**BY JOSH DUBOW** ASSOCIATED PRESS

STANFORD, Calif. — Andrew Luck is returning to Stanford in hopes of turning around a struggling football program that he once helped become a national

Athletic director Bernard Muir announced Saturday that Luck has been hired as the general manager of the Stanford football team, tasked with overseeing all aspects of the program that just finished a 3-9 season under coach Troy Taylor.

"I am a product of this university, of Nerd Nation; I love this place," Luck said. "I believe deeply in Stanford's unique approach to athletics and academics and the opportunity to help drive our program back to the top. Coach Taylor has the team pointed in the right direction, and I cannot wait to work with him, the staff, and the best, brightest, and toughest football BCS bowl berths under players in the world.

Luck has kept a low profile since his surprise retirement from the NFL at age 29 when he announced in August 2019 that he was in a season since 2018. leaving the Indianapolis Colts and pro football.

In his new role, Luck will work with Taylor on recruiting and roster management, and with athletic department and university leadership on fundraising, alumni relations, sponsorships, student-athlete support and stadium experience.

"Andrew's credentials as a student-athlete speak for themselves, and in addition to his legacy of excellence, he also brings a deep understanding of the college football landscape and community, and an unparalleled passion for Stanford football," Muir successful NFL career.

said. "I could not think of a person better qualified to guide our football program through a continuously evolving landscape, and I am thrilled that Andrew has agreed to join our team. This change represents a very different way of operating our program and competing in an evolving college football landscape.'

Luck was one of the players who helped elevate Stanford into a West Coast powerhouse for several years. He helped end a seven-year bowl drought in his first season as starting quarterback in 2009 under coach Jim Harbaugh and led the Cardinal to back-to-back BCS bowl berths his final two seasons, when he was the Heisman Trophy runner-up both seasons.

That was part of a seven-year stretch in which Stanford posted the fourthbest record in the nation at 76-18 and qualified for five Harbaugh and David Shaw.

But the Cardinal have struggled for success in recent years and haven't won more than four games Stanford just finished its fourth straight 3-9 campaign in Taylor's second season since replacing Shaw. The Cardinal are the only power conference team to lose at least nine games in each of the past four seasons.

Luck graduated from Stanford with a bachelor's degree in architectural design and returned after retiring from the NFL to get his master's degree in education in 2023.

He was picked No. 1 overall by Indianapolis in the 2012 draft and made four Pro Bowls and was AP Comeback Player of the Year in 2018 in his brief but

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That didn't work either. Just keeping players on board became problematic,

Starting cornerback Markevious Brown left the team for personal reasons before the Wisconsin game and did not return. Purdue recruits increasingly started decommitting as the losses piled up.

"Yeah, we've gotten questions about that," Walters ous two seasons as defensaid when asked if recruits were asking about his future at Purdue.

Naturally, the cries for Walters' ouster grew into a crescendo. So Bobinski finally ended Walters' tenure on Sunday. Purdue still owes Walters for three seasons on his original fiveyear deal, costing the school roughly \$9.5 million.

Walters finished his Missouri.

career with a 5-19 mark overall, going 3-15 in league play with no bowl appearances, though he did win both of Purdue's trophy games in 2023 — and lost both in 2024.

What's next for the Boil-

ermakers remains unclear. "We will conduct a thorough search process and look forward to bringing aboard a new head coach equipped to restore Purdue football to its proud tradition of success," Bobinski said.

Walters arrived at Purdue after spending the previsive coordinator for Illinois coach Bret Bielema.

He attended his father's alma mater, Colorado, moving from quarterback to safety and immediately began his coaching career when his playing days ended in 2008. His coaching stops included Colorado, Arizona, Oklahoma, North Texas, Memphis and

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Created by Stella Zawistowski

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22 Whale's home

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## Mother repeatedly says she loves grandchild more than her kids

Dear Eric: My brother and his wife just had their first child, and the first grandchild on both sides of the family. I am so excited to be an aunt and love the baby.

So does my mom, however she keeps saying something to my brother and I that we both are getting tired of.

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1 Sweetie 5 Enliven: 2 wds.

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1 Fancy party

3 Little pieces

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21 James \_\_ (007) 22 Roller coaster

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27 Intoxicating

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(Beatles song)

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29 Garbage

30 "Psst!"

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She has said on multiple occasions: I love the baby more than you two (my kids).

I think the first time, she was trying to be funny. It still did sting, though. She keeps saying it every time there is a get together with the baby, and I even see my brother having an upset look on his face.

I can't say anything because when I've said anything before I've been told that I am: "self-centered and make everything about myself" by my dad. And my mom will just say, "Why is everyone on my butt tonight?"

I don't want to cause any problems, but my brother and I are tired of this backhanded compliment, and I honestly don't know how to deal with it. Second Place

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Dear Second Place: The way your father spoke to you is very harsh, particularly given the reasonable request to not be triangulated with the baby. It suggests that there's a pattern of unkind statements being lobbed in your direction, so this "ioke" strikes a deeper wound.

> If that's true, you'll want to think about the parts of your dynamic with your parents that don't work for you and talk about them separately. You may even want to work on this with a therapist beforehand, so you're able to communicate clearly

and not get sidetracked by debate over the baby comment.

It will likely be more effective for your brother to tell your mom, "I don't like when you talk about my child that way," than it is for you to protest. But, again, this seems to be rooted in a toxic family dynamic. There's enough love to go around. If they can't express that without belittling you, it's wise to set a boundary with them about the way they communicate.

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#### **ASTROLOGY**

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Sometimes "complicated" means someone isn't willing to do the work. Consider having the conversation before circumstances take the decision away from you. Explore why you've reached this point and what you actually want.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — A desire for material success isn't wrong. However, you may be happier if you stay focused on tangible things you can perceive through your senses. Be careful not to allow doubts or criticism to undermine your self-confidence.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** — You might be bursting with energy and eager to start a new project. However, without proper planning and preparation, you could face setbacks. Remember to communicate and seek permission before crossing any boundaries.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** — You may be able to avoid disappointments by changing your actions. Having high hopes for improving your financial situation might not be enough. Consider refraining from taking on new debts or starting new ventures until circumstances improve.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — You might prefer to present yourself as a committed individual who takes control of every situation. There may be a chance to share your perspective. However, gentle tugs on your resources might make you wish for fewer constraints.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — There might be times when it seems impossible to convey your ideas. Don't take someone's confusion personally because they may not be trying to be difficult. Take the time to address any communication issues so you both understand.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Ambitions in the material world may limit the time you spend nurturing your spiritual center. It might be easy to become caught up in your responsibilities or career. Don't miss out on what truly matters for your overall well-

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Balance your sensitivity with sensibility. While you're full of ideas, others might dampen your enthusiasm with detailed questions. Your creative thoughts and impulses could face

challenges when applied to practical situations. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Sometimes it may seem like things are coming up out of nowhere to get in your way. Instead of getting frustrated, think of ways to refine your plans so you can successfully

navigate the obstacles and opportunities on your path. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Your time management skills might come in handy to keep everyone busy without burning out. Consider spreading the downtime around evenly to keep your team fresh. Remind yourself that you can't do everything by your-

AOUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You might be generous with others but hard on yourself. Don't hesitate to seek advice from those with more experience; their wisdom could be invaluable and beneficial in the long run. Learn to apply your savvy skills wisely.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Consider resolving issues before today's complaint becomes tomorrow's problem. Correcting fresh mistakes could prevent any built-up friction or hard feelings. Putting an issue behind you might not be enough for everyone.

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Best friend only wants to hang out with her children Dear Eric: How do you stay friends with someone who puts zero interest in maintaining an adult friendship?

My best friend from high school (of more than 20 years), had kids a few years ago. The kids are young but out of the baby stage. My friend constantly asks to hang out but never offers anything that is not totally kid-focused. Think story time at the library, watching their kids' soccer practice or just inviting me over to play with the kids in the playroom.

I have suggested meeting for coffee before work or dinner after work, but my friend does not want to spend any time away from the family. Over the years, I have read columns about people who claim their friends disappeared once they have kids. I always said I would never do that, but now I am seeing a possible other side to

It sounds so selfish to say I do not enjoy hanging out with your kids for hours on a Saturday but that's how I feel. I need tools to have a conversation. How do I talk about this with my friend?

Dear Time: You write that your friend

isn't maintaining an adult friendship, but is that really true? Your friend is reaching out to you, inviting you to do things together,

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including you in the new rhythms of life. That's maintenance. You can have an adult friendship in the playroom, too. Your friend is prioritizing family

life and friendship in a way that works for them. So, the conversation you'll want to have is one with yourself: Can I accept this? I'm not trying to be too tough

love, here. I get what you're saying. Sometimes, you want to have a conversation without having to spell out swear words. But we have to

accept reality. You can try a direct ask, i.e., "I love your kids, but I've been hoping for

one-on-one time." If the answer remains "not right now,"

however, it's important to respect it even if you don't like it. It's possible that your friend doesn't

have the energy to do non-family hangouts. And you, in turn, don't have to spend hours at a soccer practice if that's not your ideal weekend plan. So, I encourage empathy, flexibility and creativity. Think about what you actually need from this friendship and what you can give to it and make that the basis of your ask.

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#### **ASTROLOGY**

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Frustration may be driving you toward useless ultimatums. Before doing anything you can't undo with the click of a button, think about whether this is truly the hill you want to die on. Negotiate better outcomes for everyone.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Not getting flustered when the fireworks start is an underappreciated skill. You might calm everyone down, so they focus on the problem and not the emergency. You may be the voice of common sense and reason for your friends.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** — Luck may be on your side. If you don't know why something's working, avoid any change that might mess up the hot streak. It may be your good habits or your accumulated skills giving you the win this week, or very soon.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Your body may be telling you what it needs but you might not take time to listen. How you feel could greatly impact the way you think. Consider giving yourself more time to heal before making any serious decisions about your future.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — You don't need to know everything about everyone. Even if you feel left out, resist the temptation to investigate someone's secrets. Before diving into a promising deal, consider assessing its real value. Don't be swayed by flashy bonuses; focus

on substance. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Letting everyone see all your cards too soon might cost you in the end. Consider waiting until there's money on the table before letting anyone know your plans. Walking away may be an option because your skills are valuable wherever you go.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Don't get fooled by a price tag. Even if the best things in life don't cost a thing, to possess what could give you lasting satisfaction can still require effort and dedication. Swiping your card may not get you what you really need.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — The best possible outcome of wrongdoing may be that you'll have a chance to share your side. Anytime someone gets caught, their character and everything they've done is questioned. You'll have better results if you take the high road.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — It's crucial to know which bridges to cross and which to burn. You might face challenges with possessiveness that disrupt relationships or obsessive thoughts about financial matters. Share your concerns with those you trust.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Attorneys tell you to listen to the complete question before you answer. It could be easy to jump to the wrong conclusion if you don't know what they're trying to find out. Slow down and take time to think before saying anything

AOUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Your position may be stronger than you think. Don't be bullied into compromises to please the people around you, instead consider letting arguments work themselves out. Demonstrate the best way for everyone to go.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Lean into being gentle and understanding of others rather than overly critical and quick to judge. You might be self-conscious in group activities but if you relax you will find that people may accept you just the way you are.

# College football rivalries lead to flag scuffles

College football was dominat- the middle of Ohio Stadium in er said. "It's embarrassing to me Arizona transfer, then held on as cer suffered unspecified injuries ones thrown by officials — the middle of the field.

Michigan, North Carolina State by displaying flags on the logos a 35-30 win. And another skirin the middle of their rivals' stadiums. Arizona State put its own twist on the day with a trident.

tory. There was a similar scene ones planted by players in the in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, after at least one N.C. State player tried to plant a Wolfpack mish in Tallahassee, Florida, after Gators edge rusher George Gumbs Jr. planted a flag on Flor-The results were, well, predictida State's logo after a 31-11 win.

State after a group of Wolverines not who we want to be as a pro- of Arizona's logo after a 49-7 win in the melee that overshadowed attempted to plant their flag in gram," Florida coach Billy Napi- over the Wildcats. Kongaika, an the Wolverines' victory. One offi-

ed by flags on Saturday. Not the Columbus following a 13-10 vic- and it's a distraction from a really well-played football game. I want to apologize on behalf of the trident away, and the duo the entire organization just in was surrounded by players from terms of how we represented the each school. and Florida celebrated road wins flag on UNC's field following university there. We shouldn't have done that. We won't do that moving forward. And there will be consequences for all involved."

Arizona State defensive line-

Lemonious-Craig tried to take police union official said.

There was another skirmish after Missouri's dramatic 28-21 win over visiting Arkansas, but it didn't look as if there were any props involved.

Arizona wide receiver Montana and was taken to a hospital, a

Ohio State coach Ryan Day said he understood his players'

"There are some prideful guys on our team who weren't going to sit back and let that happen,"

Michigan running back Kalel Police in Ohio used pepper Mullings said he didn't like how "Obviously what happened man Jacob Rich Kongaika tried spray to break up the players, the Buckeyes players involved Michigan scuffled with Ohio there at the end of the game is to plant a trident in the middle who threw punches and shoves themselves in the Wolverines' postgame celebration, calling it

### **JAGUARS**

FROM PAGE B2

Al-Shaair was ejected for "an illegal hit on Anderson in the helmet. the quarterback, unnecessary, to the neck and head area," referee Land Clark said in a pool trol before play resumed. ie cornerback Jarrian locker room when it Jones also was ejected for throwing a punch in the melee.

screaming at him. Jaguars veteran guard Bran- hope and pray he's OK. prompting another alter- well. But, yeah, still rock- in his professional career

son grabbed Al-Shaair and was escorting him off the field when a fan threw there with him." a water bottle and hit The fan was later ejected.

Officials and coaches got the teams under conopened to reporters after the game.

"I just want to say As Al-Shaair was leav- prayers to Trevor," Texing the field, fans started ans quarterback C.J. Stroud said. "I really don Scherff joined in, Prayers to his family as

cation with Al-Shaair. Tex- ing with Azeez. I don't in 2023 because of a ans teammate Will Ander- think that was his intent, sprained right shoulder and I pray that Trevor is OK and his family is right also missed significant

Mac Jones replaced Lawrence and rallied left knee in Week 6, a the Jaguars in the fourth quarter. Jones completed 20 of 32 passes for 235 yards, with two report. Jaguars rook- Al-Shaair was not in the touchdowns. Pederson Jones said. "We're all declined to speculate on Lawrence's status moving forward, especially with the Jags now formally eliminated in the AFC South.

Lawrence, the top pick in the 2021 draft, missed a game for the first time

sustained in Week 16. He practice time because of other injuries: a sprained sprained right ankle in Week 13 and a concussion in Week 15.

"Trevor is a warrior," praying for him. We definitely have his back. For him to play today was incredible. He's a tough dude. Really wanted to get the win for him. Obviously fell short. But definitely praying for him. I know we all have his back for sure."

FROM PAGE B5

not break the deadlock.

Sam Coffey's shot from the edge of the box in the 44th minute was easily stopped by Earps, and at the start of the Lindsey Horan had a goal disallowed then missed the target with an angled

The U.S. also received a penalty but it was reversed after the VAR showed the ball hit Alex Greenwood's chest and not her arm.

But one of the most successful coaches in the women's game was left satisfied. Hayes won seven Women's Super Leagues in a 12-year reign at Chelsea. During that time, the men's team had 11 different manag-

She was asked how she second half U.S. captain felt about being in the away dugout and listening to the English national anthem.

"You can be two things at once," Hayes said. "I'm a proud Englishwoman who is proud to coach America. I don't have to choose, I definitely love both countries."



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